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HANKOW INTRIGUE.

Chang Kai-shek Accepts the Challenge.

WARNING TO EXTREMISTS.

Interesting Sidelights on a Dramatic Situation.

Resolutions of far-reaching importance, implying a direct curtailment of General Chang Kai-shek's powers and the restoration of Communist elements, are reported to have been passed by the Nationalist leaders at Hankow last week.

Chang Kai-shek has taken up the challenge, and has warned the extremists against forcing him too far. He insists that he is still the supreme figure in the Kuomintang by virtue of the powers vested in him by the Party.

That a Kuomintang conference was held and that a series of elections followed is admitted even by a section of the vernacular Press that is favourable to Canton. It is hardly necessary to record between the lines that a number of committees have been appointed to fill roles hitherto exercised by Chang Kai-shek, the commander-in-chief of the South-eastern armies in China.

What Chang Kai-shek proposes to do will be eagerly awaited as on his decision may depend the trend of events in China for some time to come.

Clash With Cadets. Some of his cadets raised opposition at the conference in Hankow (states a cable to the "Kung Shueung Yat Po") and thereby came into conflict with the "labour propagandists of the Communist party," a number of whom are reported to have been injured.

General Chang is now believed to be at Nanchang, capital of Kiangsu province, a few days' journey south-south-east of Hankow. Only a very small part, if any, of his personal following is in Hubei province, the capital of which is Wuchang (facing Hankow on the other bank of the Yangtze River).

Instead of having a chairman, each of the councils newly elected will be presided over by a committee. In other words, the right of leading the councils has now been vested in a number of persons instead of resting with one man.

Significant Factors. There can hardly be any denial of an intended rebuff to Chang Kai-shek in the passing over of his nominee, Mr. Chang Ching-kiang, who has been chairman of the Central Executive. Mr. Chang is at Nanchang with his chief but an explanation may be issued that he is handicapped by health, more urgent business, etc.

The name of Wang Ching-wai appears first in each of the new lists, with the exception, of course, of the Military Council which comprises senior Army officers.

Chang Kai-shek's name also appears in the lists but rather far down for the soldier of the hour. Another significant factor is the inclusion of Tam Ping-shan, commonly known as one of the most violent of Communist agitators.

Command of the Army. Prior to embarking on the Northern Expedition, Chang Kai-shek organised his own Army council but the Party's military authority has been reconstituted at Hankow. Does this mean that the new council will issue orders to all officers in the field, including the commander-in-chief himself, and that it will expect its commands to be obeyed even if they should prove unacceptable?

This threat of a split in the Nationalist Party is by no means new.

When the Kuomintang reasserted itself in the summer of 1925 by expelling the non-Cantonese mercenaries, there were differences with Ngai Bong-ping.

Famous Resolutions. After that came the expulsion of a good many of the "older" Kuomintang element, either by threat or by force.

Just as everybody thought that Chang Kai-shek was going to give the so-called "pro-Reds" full rein, he came out with his famous resolutions by which all Communists were stripped of authority. The election of Tam Ping-shan and others is in direct contradiction to the general's ideas as construed by his action last year.

It is interesting to study the names of those surmised to have entered into an alliance against Chang Kai-shek. The "Kung Shueung Yat Po" gives them as—

General Tang Seng-chi (commanding the 8th Army and the "strong man" in Hubei and Hunan provinces).

General Li Tsung-jen (commanding the 7th Army and hero of the assault on Wu-chang).

Chang Fah-hui (commanding one of the divisions of the 4th Army).

Hsu Chien (Minister of Justice).

Sun Fo (Minister of Communications).

Tse Vung-soong (Finance Minister).

Eugene Chen (Foreign Minister).

Teng Yin-ta (formerly a division commander in Chang Kai-shek's army).

Effect on Canton. Here it should be said right away that some of the officials mentioned do not appear to have been correctly judged, or that the inclusion of some of the names is very much open to doubt.

Reference to General Chang Fah-hui throws an interesting sidelight on the position at Canton itself, should there arise the possibility of determined opposition.

General Li Chai-sun (4th Army) is the commander-in-chief in Kwangtung to-day and nothing has transpired to show that he is not acceptable to either the Moderates or the Extremists.

Former Colleagues. When the present war started, two of his divisions went North, one being under Chang Fah-hui. The other was led by Chan Ming-shu. There are indications to-day, now that the two divisional commanders have been largely extended, that these two generals are on opposite sides.

Chan Ming-shu was defence commissioner of Hankow and Wuchang, but (adds the "Kung Shueung Yat Po") pressure has been brought to bear on him and he has left for Shanghai. His duties are reported to have been taken over by Chang Fah-hui and another officer, under the responsibility of General Tang Seng-chi of the 8th Army.

"YOU MAY SHOOT ME."

Chang's Warning to Hankow Rivals.

"I believe that Mr. Hsu Chien (Minister of Justice at Hankow) and only Mr. Hsu Chien is an autocrat."

In these words General Chang Kai-shek is reported to have accused one of the leaders of the Extremist Party.

General Chang made a long and very plain speech at Nanchang on Feb. 21 and the full text has been published in the "N.C. Daily News." He also makes definite allegations of "defiance of authority" by the Kuomintang Join Conference at Hankow. Extracts from the speech follow:—

Subversive Propaganda. "In Wuhan (Wuchang, Hankow and Hanyang), a section of the Kuomintang members have initiated a new movement and have been disseminating a new sort of propaganda. They claim to uplift and to centralise the authority of the Kuomintang. As the authority of the Kuomintang is the highest authority of the Nationalist Government, is it then necessary that it should be lifted to a higher plane by any person or persons? There is no necessity to centralise the Kuomintang for it is not already centralised? I am, safe (said General Chang) in saying that these people are employing the words 'to uplift and centralise the authority of the Kuomintang' to

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DEFENCE FORCE.

British Taxpayer and the Cost.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

London, March 14. In the House of Commons, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour), Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said that the Municipality of the International Settlement of Shanghai had not offered to pay any part of the cost of the Shanghai Defence Force, nor had he approached them on the matter.

All the Powers interested had made their own preparations, naval or military, for the defence of their subjects, and doubtless all had incurred expense in so doing, but as far as he knew none

SOVIET DECISION.

De Facto Recognition of Cantonese?

Washington, March 14. It is rumoured in diplomatic circles that the Soviets have decided on de facto recognition of the Cantonese regime at Hankow. No confirmation of the report is available at the State Department.—Reuter's American Service.

of them had approached the Municipality.

Comdr. Kenworthy urged that "this very wealthy community who paid no British taxes" should be approached to meet some part of the cost.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) declared that the cost to the British taxpayer was going to far exceed the cost to the other nationalities concerned and we were bearing the brunt of the expenditure.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply, emphasised that the steps we had taken were for the protection of British nationals.

Rights of Lessees.

Mr. H. W. Looker (Conservative) asked whether the position of His Majesty's Government as a leaseholder from the Chinese Government of the land comprised of the British Concessions in China and the position of sub-lessees of such land from the British Government and the rights of both parties under the leases would be in any way affected by the agreement entered at Hankow and Kiungkuang or by any arrangements contemplated with regard to the other British Concessions in China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that His Majesty's Government was now examining the whole question with the object of ensuring that the interests of the sub-lessees would not be prejudiced by any arrangements that might be entered into.—Reuter.

TROOPS FOR CHINA.

Admiralty's Response Fully Vindicated.

London, March 14. In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, replying to Opposition attempts to draw a distinction between the policy of the Foreign Office and the policy of the Admiralty with regard to the sending of troops to China, as if they had not been united in this respect, said that it was a complete myth.

The Admiralty had responded as rapidly as it could—nobody would say they had lost much time—to what the Foreign Office had asked it to do in order to protect British in China. The Admiralty were very glad to be able to send out ships from which landing parties could be disembarked, and whose presence would do a great deal to allay the terrible anxiety under which many British were living in China.

The speediness with which the Marines were ready for service in China was a very great testimony to the great efficiency of the magnificent force of the Marines.—Reuter.

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 1/11/16.

ROYAL NAVY.

Estimates For £58,000,000 Before the House.

CHINA FORCE COSTS.

Britain Welcomes Proposed Naval Conference.

Estimates for £58,000,000 for the Royal Navy were introduced by the First Lord of the Admiralty in the House of Commons, special provision being made for the forces in China.

Mr. Walter Bridgeman said the British Government welcomed the proposed naval conference and only asked other nations to consider our special difficulties as we should respect theirs.

STRICTEST ECONOMY.

First Lord Reviews The Estimates.

Rugby, March 15. Introducing the Naval Estimates in the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that the programme accepted by the House in July of 1925 was merely being continued.

That programme was to last a number of years, and he had promised the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time to do his utmost to effect economies which would reduce, if not entirely obliterate, the extra cost of replacement.

The understanding had been most faithfully carried out, and the success which had attended his efforts had been far greater than he had ever dared to hope.

In 1925 internal savings produced more than was necessary to offset the £471,000 required for

replacement.

Forces in China. In the House of Commons, introducing the Navy Estimates, Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, mentioned an item of £125,000 as the cost of bringing back the ships and men from China. He hoped they would not be staying there very long, but if they were, it would be necessary to introduce a supplementary estimate.—Reuter.

new building. In 1926 the estimates were £2,400,000 less than in 1925.

Saved Nearly £2,500,000. They not only paid for new building but saved nearly £2,500,000. In addition, as a result of the coal stoppage, £3,750,000, which was voted, had not been spent, and would go back to the Exchequer.

For this year the difficulties in putting forward a smaller figure had been unusually great, because certain things quite unavoidable had added to the expenditure.

The estimates for construction were £9,983,000 against £9,083,000. That was an increase of £900,000 in the cost of construction.

Ships for China. They had inserted a sum of £125,000 for sending out ships to China. He did not say that this sum would cover all the expense that might be incurred, but he hoped they would not have to stay in China very long. He had to find something like £2,000,000 in excess of last year, and the trouble had been to find savings to balance.

There was a saving of £150,000 on rates of pay and about £200,000 on food and clothing, while the closing of the Rosyth and Pembroke Dockyards had saved the amount anticipated.

They had had very handsome contributions from the Malay States for the construction of the Singapore Base amounting to £2,000,000 in five instalments, and the Admiralty share of the contribution was £576,000 during the year.

There would be a reduction of about £400,000 in contract work. As a result he was able to present estimates of £58,000,000, or about £100,000 less than last year. That was a great achievement. Calculating on the basis of pre-war prices, it would be found that this £58,000,000 would be about £34,000,000, while the actual estimates in 1914 before the war were £51,500,000.

Domestic Obligations. Dealing with the Imperial Conference of last Autumn, Mr.

Bridgeman said that the representatives of the Overseas Dominions were given a very close insight into our naval problems.

Parts of the Empire had contributed very largely towards the naval expenditure, and he hoped in the years to come, other parts of the Empire would contribute, and that those who had already contributed would contribute more.

It was not for us to dictate to other parts of the Empire what they ought to do. He was quite certain they all quite realised their responsibility, and he confidently hoped in a way which was best to them and which it was for them to accomplish that they would come to the aid of the Mother Country in bearing its burden.

Hong Kong's £250,000. There had been a change in the total figure for the Singapore Base from £11,000,000 to £7,500,000, exclusive of the cost of the floating dock. This reduction had been made possible by a more careful survey of what was necessary.

Towards the whole scheme the Straits Settlements had contributed land, the Malay States £2,000,000 and Hong Kong £250,000. The actual amount required from the British taxpayer this year for Singapore was £43,500.

Coolidge Proposals.

Referring to President Coolidge's new proposals, Mr. Bridgeman declared that the British Government had no objection whatever to a further naval conference. "We welcome the opportunity provided, and go into the conference asking other nations to consider our special difficulties, as we shall undoubtedly respect and consider theirs. There are special circumstances regarding our navy totally different from those of any other country."—British Wireless Service. [Message incomplete owing to bad atmospheric conditions.]

ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATES.

Australia and the Singapore Base.

London, March 15. In the House of Commons, introducing the Navy Estimates, Mr. Walter Bridgeman referred to the "very handsome contribution" of the Malay States towards the construction of the Singapore base. (Cheers).

Although the whole of the money did not come to the Admiralty, as some had to go to the War Office and some to the Air Ministry, he was exceptionally fortunate this year in that they were to get two years' payments in one year. Therefore their share of the Malay States contribution was £576,000 during the year for which he had to estimate.

Mr. Bridgeman quoted the Imperial Conference resolution with regard to Singapore as evidencing that Australia's interest in the Singapore base was as keen as ever.

The total cost of the base had been reduced from £11,000,000 to £7,750,000 including the cost of the new floating dock now being constructed there.

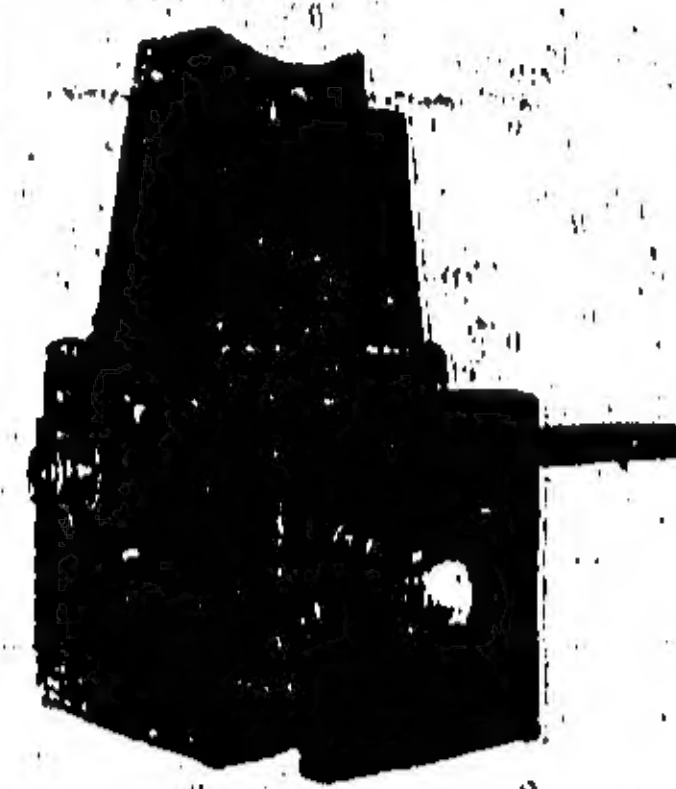
The sum required this year for Singapore for the construction of the floating dock was £335,000 and for other works £284,000, of which the Malay States would contribute £576,000, leaving £43,000,000 to be found by the British taxpayer.—Reuter.

3-Power Naval Pact.

In the House of Commons, introducing the Navy Estimates, Mr. Bridgeman, referring to President Coolidge's invitation to a conference for the limitation of armaments, emphasised that the Admiralty would welcome such a conference, provided Britain

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E. A. LEGGATT,

Superintendent
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1927, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, 1927, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 23rd March, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th day of March, to MONDAY, the 28th day of March, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

For the following Purposes:—

- To receive the Report of the Committee, and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
- To elect the Officers and Committee for the Ensuing Year.
- To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
- To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.

All members are requested to attend.
R. E. GREENSMITH,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1927.

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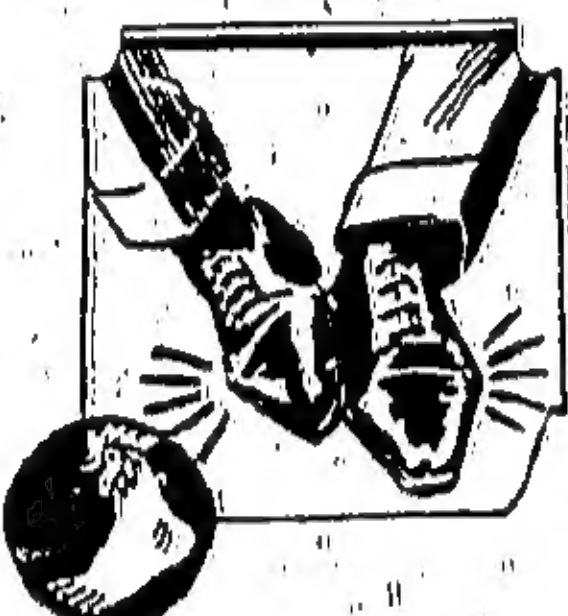
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FIGHT WITH SHARK.

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"I dived from the boat. When I got to Allum the shark was alongside him. I called out to him, 'Give me your hand.' I missed it at the first grab, but got it at the second try. Just as I did so the shark came at him again, grabbed him and pulled him under water. At that moment I stood on the back of the shark, gave it a kick to frighten it away, and grabbed a fin with my hand. The shark returned after that as I was trying to push Allum to the shore."

Allum's sister also dived in and attempted to go to her brother's assistance.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Abbey and child, Mr. B. M. Armstrong, Mr. V. Albo.

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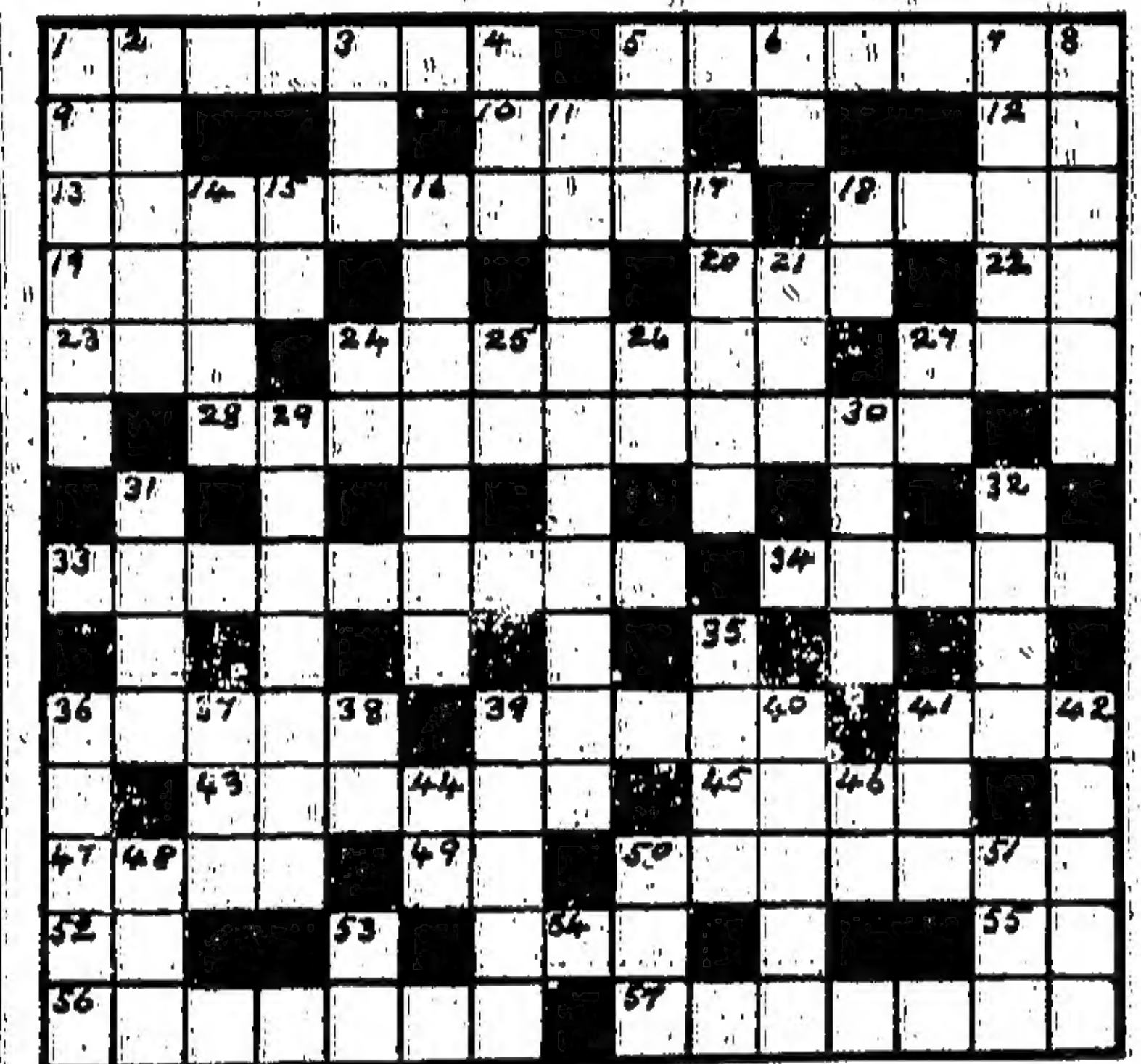
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Clues Across.

- Causing hurt.
- A figure with nine angles.
- The thing spoken of (pron.)
- OMO (actual).
- A Memphis god.
- Excellence.
- A quiet talk.
- Long fish.
- A small but strong horse.
- TU (actual).
- Prefix meaning "Thrice."
- An officer who takes charge of cattle agisted.
- By means of.
- Quality of being most evident.
- Relating to guardianship.
- To make a harsh noise.
- Gateway to an Egyptian temple.
- A dangerous sore.
- Showed the way.
- To enclose in a case.
- Ratio or proportion.
- Electrolyte components.
- Thank you!
- Full of hatred on account of another's success.
- Stretcher-bearer (abbrev.)
- A firearm.
- S E (actual).
- A miscalculation.
- Plays with.

Clues Down.

- Exactness of treatment.
- Second of two.
- The grampus.
- Male child.
- Abbreviation for "Numbers."
- Word of denial.
- To deliver a public speech.
- The power of growth.
- In a condition in which dimensions are ascertainable.
- OLIO (actual).
- Present of "Be."
- Covers over with gold.
- A cake made on a girdle.
- Confined to barracks (abbrev.)
- Metal in natural state.
- A V (actual).
- An exclamation of triumph.
- Theosophical Society (abbrev.)
- P S (actual).
- Dress fasteners.
- Secure.
- Tax on goods.
- Excellent.
- An aquatic fowl.
- A triangular shaped body of solid glass.
- LIN (actual).
- Northern Counties (abbrev.)
- Practice or custom.
- A crow.
- Fifth sign of the zodiac.
- Portions of medicine.
- Denotes presence.
- A South Pacific tree.
- A Japanese lady's ash.
- The furthestmost point of anything.
- Practice or employment.
- Mother.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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NAGANO MARU Sunday, 20th March.

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TOMIURA MARU Friday, 25th March.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

RIVER BOATS.

LOWER FREIGHTS FROM
HONG KONG.

TOWS' STRIKE PROTEST.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakka, Kungmoon, March 12.
Two tow-boats owned by the
Hing Lee (Hong Kong) (Shakti) Co.
are now plying between Hong Kong
and the Sze Yip ports of Kungyick
and Suncheong, going via Ma-lau-
chau and Muk-chau.

Only cargo is accepted and the
freights are lower than those charged
by the river steamboats.

"Friendly" seamen's meetings
have been held here on board the
Hong Kong steamers "Tai Lee",
"On Lee" and "Kwong Fook
Cheung".

The smuggling suppression
bureau at Yungkong and Yung-
chun has opened a station at the
entrance to Yungkong port to col-
lect fees. In consequence the tow-
boats from Kungmoon have stopped
running as a protest.

REPRIMANDED.

LOCAL MARINE COURT
INQUIRY.

STEAMBOAT CAPTAIN.

Captain J. Wilson of the river
steamer "Kwong Fook Cheung"
was severely reprimanded at a
Marine Court inquiry yesterday for
"making an entry in the ship's log
in a most irregular manner" on
Feb. 24.

The Court heard evidence into al-
legations regarding the conduct of
Mr. G. Carter, chief officer of the
same ship.

Captain Wilson accused Mr.
Carter of going on board on the
evening of Feb. 23 in a drunken
state, that when the ship was leav-
ing the wharf at Hong Kong about
6.45 p.m. Mr. Carter rushed the ship,
reversed the telegraph and struck
the commander.

Charges Not Proved.

Evidence was given by Captain
Wilson, the No. 1 pilot, the quar-
termaster on duty and by Mr. Carter
who also called a Revenue officer.
Mr. G. K. Hall, Brutton, after cross-
examination, submitted that he had
no case to answer on behalf of Mr.
Carter.

After 45 minutes' deliberation the
Court found the charges not proved
and reprimanded the captain, at
the same time handing back his
certificate to him.

The Court comprised—Lt. Com.
G. F. Hole, Harbour Master and
Marine Magistrate (President);
Lt. Comdr. C. B. Elbow, R.N.M.S.
"Titania"; Captain R. Ashby, s.s.
"Huichow"; Captain W. Bischoff,
s.s. "Fausang"; Captain J. Davie,
s.s. "Tathylbus".

MARINERS' NOTE.

ENTRANCE TO YANGTSE
RIVER.

The acting coast inspector of the
Marine Department, Chinese Mari-
time Customs (Shanghai district)
notifies—

Yangtze river, south channel en-
trance—Owing to changes in the
south channel the following aids to
navigation will be moved on April 6,
1927—

The "Kiu-tan" light-vessel will
be moved 2.03 miles S. 40 degrees
E. From the new position of the
light-vessel, House Island beacon
bears N. 58 degrees E., distant 3.42
miles.

The Middle Ground buoy will
be moved 1.46 miles S. 46 degrees
E. From the new position of the
buoy, House Island beacon bears
N. 58 degrees E., distant 3.42
miles.

All bearings given are magnetic.
Chart affected: Marine Depart-
ment Chart No. 1.

CHINESE CHARTS.

The following new Chinese. Ad-
miralty chart is now on sale at the
Coast Inspector's Office, Customs
House, Shanghai—

No. 167—Yangtze River: Pail-
shichi to Hsiao-koh-shan. Price \$2.
This notice is issued at the re-
quest of the Hydrographic Depart-
ment of the Chinese Navy.

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TOURIST TRAGEDY.

"CALIFORNIA" FATALITY AT
KOBE.

STEWARDS' BRAVE ACT.

The trip of the "California"
tourists was marred whilst they
were in Japan by the tragic death
of Mrs. Schoutz, wife of a well-
known judge at Atlantic City,
who was thrown from the gang-
way of the ship as it was in dock
at Kobe at the time of the earth-
quake of March 7.

Three others were also thrown
from the gangway into the har-
bour but were rescued by the
brave act of George Prentice, a
ship's steward, who brought two
of them to land and, in the case
of Mrs. Schoutz, dived from the
sea-deck, a considerable height,
into the narrow space between
the ship and the dock, bringing
the body to the surface. Mrs.
Schoutz had, however, been killed
by the concussion of the fall.

This was her third trip round
the world.

The tragedy, which occurred
an hour before the ship sailed,
cast a gloom over the whole
party.

Mrs. Schoutz's body has been
sent for burial at her home in
New Jersey.

Groups of the tourists from
the "California" were to be seen
about town to-day. Half of their
number left this morning for
Macao and the remainder go this
trip to-morrow, the ship leaving
at 8 p.m.

Among the distinguished pas-
sengers on board is Governor
F. W. Richardson, retiring Gov-
ernor of California.

One of the richest men in the
world is also on board in the
person of Col. de Montlazier, who
owns half the City of New
Orleans and who is said to be
worth over a hundred million
dollars.

Mr. Harvey Toy, ex-Highway
Commissioner of Colombia, ac-
companies Governor Richardson
and there is also aboard Mr. W. F.
Leuthold, one of the big lumber
men of Washington City.

Miss Dorothy Doyle, winner of
the Florida Golf Championship
and Miss Sydney Thompson, a
well-known actress who toured
Europe recently are among other
passengers.

RIVER CRASH.

"EMPRESS" IN COLLISION AT
SHANGHAI.

JAPANESE COLLIER HOLED.

Shanghai, March 14.
While going up river this morn-
ing after its Trans-Pacific voyage,
the "Empress of Canada" collided
with a Japanese collier, the "Jinsho
Maru," which was badly holed and
was hastily beached to prevent
sinking. The "Empress of
Canada's" bow was damaged.
—Reuter.

It is reported that the collier
was struck in the region of the
engine room. A boiler explosion
followed and two firemen were
scalded. The second engineer is
believed to have been drowned
in the engine room.—Reuter.

Due Here on Friday.
That the "Empress of Canada"
is expected to arrive in Hong Kong
on March 18 and to sail for Vancou-
ver (via Shanghai and ports) on
March 30, according to schedule,
was the assurance given by the
local C.P.R. office this morning.

In Hong Kong, the "Canada" will
go into dry-dock for the necessary
repairs, and the trip to Manila (to
have left Hong Kong on March 20
and return by March 26) will be
cut out.

Presumably, the "Canada" was
entering Shanghai when the col-
lision occurred.

When inquiries were made to-
day, the local office had not receiv-
ed full particulars. After under-
going survey in Shanghai, the
"Canada" left that port at noon
to-day and is now bound for Hong
Kong, (in accordance with sched-
ule) on Friday.

Beyond a dent in the bow, it is
not thought that the "Canada" has
suffered any appreciable damage.

SHIPS IN PORT.

There were 74 ocean-going ves-
sels in Hong Kong harbour this
morning, of which 25 fly the British
flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9
a.m. to-day, there were 18 arrivals
(7 British) and 6 departures (2
British).

On arrival here from Bangkok
via Swatow, the s.s. "Kishu" re-
ported the death of a third-class
passenger from consumption.

MISSING STEAMER.

"ELKTON" BELIEVED TO HAVE
SUNK.

OIL ON SEA THE ONLY TRACE.

Manila, March 8.
Manila shipping men have about
given up hope of hearing anything
more of the United States Shipping
Board on February 18 in the "lon-
gest spot in the Pacific." In
the 20 or more days that have
elapsed since the first and last
S.O.S. was sent out, not a man, not
a boat, not a stick of wreckage
from the ship has been found. Only
a vast expanse of oil on the waters
marked the spot where it fought its
last fight with wind and waves.

"Liberator's" Report.
With allowances for delay, the
"Elkton" should have reached Hon-
olulu four or five days ago. The
"Liberator," another shipping board
boat 290 miles away when the dis-
tress message was received, arriv-
ed there on Sunday. Press dis-
patches from Honolulu quote the
captain of the "Liberator" as say-
ing he found bubbles arising from
the spot where the "Elkton" had
been when it wirelessed for help.

Even had the "Elkton" survived
the storm, says R. C. Morton, Otten-
tal director for the shipping board,
it probably would not have gone to
Honolulu. The boats which search-
ed for it found oil on the waters for
miles around the spot where it had
been. Discharge of so much oil
probably would not have left suffi-
cient in the bunkers for it to pro-
ceed. Instead it would have had to
visit Guam for more fuel. Its fail-
ure to appear there is taken to mean
that it never will be heard from
again.

A thorough search, first over 200
square miles by navy destroyers,
failed to reveal the slightest trace
of the vessel with the exception of
this oil. Non-appearance of any
wreckage at first gave shipping
men some hope that it had weathered
the storm, as it is most unusual
for a boat to sink without leaving
some trace.

Captain Fears Worst.
The captain of the "Liberator"
said on his arrival in Honolulu that
he had found one place where the
bubbles were arising there. He
thinks the "Elkton" had sunk on
that spot shortly before the "Liber-
ator" appeared.

Several shipping men have sug-
gested that as the "Elkton" had
practically 8,000 tons of sugar,
dead weight distributed fore and
aft, with the bunkers amidships,
there is a possibility that it hit the
crest of a wave and broke in two.
Even this, however, does not ac-
count for the complete lack of
wreckage.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.
The P. and O. s.s. "Morea" from
Hong Kong arrived London on
March 11, at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nyanza" left
Shanghai for this port on March 13,
at 7.30 a.m. and is due here to-
morrow, at 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" arrived at Yokohama on
March 10, at 8.30 a.m., left that port
the same evening, and is due at
Hong Kong on March 18, at 9 a.m.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF CANADA	July 11	July 15	July 19	July 22	July 31
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LA PLATA MARU Thursday, 5th May.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SUMATRA MARU Sunday, 3rd April.

HONOLULU MARU Tuesday, 19th April.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

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KHYBER	9,114	9th April	Marseilles, London, Dunkirk, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	18th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	9,007	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Eday
MALWA	10,041	30th April	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	8,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Eday
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	31st June	Marseilles and London
JANUS	10,002	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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TEESTA	6,293	24th March	Moji & Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,041	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	9,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	15th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	7,648	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,918	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,065	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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And there was no doubt about it either: the policemen of those remote and often turbulent waterways, the terror of river pirates, and the only admittedly unprejudiced arbitrator in international or private feuds, the gunboat captain was a figure of more than ordinary significance.

To-day, even if much of the old independence has been lost through the knitting together of outpost commands, service on the China Station is still exciting and varied enough to be considered quite the best thing the Admiralty has to offer.

Close Quarters.

During the troubles the river-gunboats are in the thick of things, as they have been lately. When fighting has to be done it is usually at close quarters, the little ship sidling up alongside her enemy—a pirate junk bristling with fearsome cannon, or an armed "Red" tramp steamer—and tackling the job as Drake's sailors did on the Spanish Main, by boarding and hand-to-hand combat.

"A hands' stand by for 'em boy!" it sounds like an anachronism, cry out of the romantic, stirring past; but the writer has heard that very order given.

For the more adventurous spirits this ever present possibility of active service is doubtless the chief attraction of the China Station; but even in normal times, or perhaps one should call the fire intervals of quiet in China abnormal times—the life is far from hum-drum.

There are, for instance, the spring and autumn race-meetings at Shanghai and Hankow, uproarious festivals not to be missed for words.

Shuttlecock Existence.

One may charter a house-boat, go shooting duck and golden pheasant in the enchanted country of the lotus ponds; or, if the afternoons are oppressive with heat and patrol duties light, grant oneself a few days' leave at some airy mountain resort such as Kuling, the Chinese Simla.

The river-ports have their night-life too: probably not even Paris can boast so many cabarets as Shanghai—real, gaily lawless cabarets, not the pretentious night-club affairs where one merely gets robbed.

Nowadays, however, it is the life of the larger ships, whose cruising range extends far from the coast to Borneo, rather than of the river gunboats, that appeals most generally.

To be properly prepared for such a shuttlecock existence as obtains in the sea-going cruiser squadron one's kit must include not only the full tropical outfit, solar topee and sun-glasses, but the warmest of winter-gear as well.

Hot and Cold.

Obviously so, on a station where it is quite possible to find oneself bathing in tepid equatorial seas scarcely more than a week after one had been shivering over a fire in Vladivostok Bay!

While serving in the China Station the writer was in the habit of keeping an intermittent scrap-diary, one or two extracts from which may be found as illuminating as any full description of naval life out there could be.

The ship had passed through the Inland Sea of Japan at the time of the cherry-blossom—surely the nearest approach to fairyland to be found anywhere on earth, with those little wooden houses at the water's edge, the white sailed fishing-vessels, and the clouds of dancing petals—and was on a south-western course for Wei-hai-wei and eventually Hong Kong for gunnery practice.

A typhoon, however, intervened. And here the diary, though bald, is perhaps graphic enough:

Daily Extracts.

"Ran slap into this thing," it reads, "in the morning watch. Two cutters smashed to atoms and forward gun put out of action. Man lost overboard. Sick as a cat."

Then, several days later, "Hong Kong at last, thank the stars. Turned in and slept for twelve hours. Went ashore in the afternoon and played tennis with the captain's daughter. Saw, in the evening, went into the Chinese quarter, and smoked a pipe of opium just as what it felt like. No sleep."

A day or two on "Tornado" sailing. Here we are soon off to up north again—trouble at Wei-hai-wei. What a life!

HARDY OFFENCES.

For causing obstruction in the southern railway, the harbour tug "Hawthorn" was fined £100 and £500 damages. The tug "Hawthorn" was also fined £100 and £500 damages for causing obstruction in the southern railway.

N.Y.K. FLEET.

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It is reported that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will commence shortly in Japan the building of three new quadruple screw trans-Pacific motor passenger liners in accordance with the highest class at Lloyd's.

These vessels (which will be completed by the end of next year) will have an over-all length of about 584 ft.; breadth moulded about 72 ft.; loaded draft of about 28 ft. 8 in. and a gross tonnage of about 16,000 tons.

It is proposed to fit two of the vessels with four sets of Sulzer's engines, driving four screws and giving the steamers a speed of 19 knots with a cruising speed of 17 knots. The third vessel will be fitted with two sets of Burmeister and Wein engines.

Suite & Super Suite.

The 1st class passenger accommodation will be for 208 adults, composed of single-bed cabins, two-bed cabins and large family cabins of three beds. All cabins will have windows and there will be no inside cabins.

There will be one "suite" consisting of bedroom, sitting room and private bath and trunk room, and a super "suite" consisting of a bedroom, sitting room, private verandah, private bath and trunk room. Most cabins will be opposite public bathrooms or will have private bathrooms attached.

Passenger Accommodation.

All 1st class passenger accommodation will be on the upper decks, "B," "C," and "D" decks. The promenade deck which will be a feature of these vessels will extend practically the whole length of the ship. On this deck provision has been made for six extra large cabins with private bathrooms; public lounge, smoking room, verandah cafe and social hall.

The gymnasium and swimming pool will be situated on "E" deck and apparatus will be installed which will provide running seawater when the bath is in use.

Superior 2nd Class.

A superior 2nd class is also provided which will accommodate 100 adults; cabins, as in the first class, will also be outside, and will be situated on "C" deck, with public rooms on the after promenade which will be unusually spacious.

The fore and aft parts of the ship will be given over for 400 3rd class passengers and the arrangements made will be superior to anything now being fitted for this class of passenger.

The first vessel of the above type will be laid down sometime early this summer at the Nagasaki Works of the Mitsubishi Zosen Kaisha, and the contract calls for completion by the end of next year; and other two steamers will be laid down a few months later, one to be built by the same firm and the other by the Kawasaki Zosen at Kobe.

Latest Ideas.

The N. Y. K. is not sparing any expense or effort in embodying in these three vessels the very latest ideas in ship construction. They will be the largest passenger carrying ships ever laid down in Japan and the largest units of the N.Y.K. fleet, which, on the completion of these steamers, will total about 700,000 gross tons directly operated by the company, and with their subsidiary ton will aggregate near the million mark.

SHANGHAI VISITOR.

NETHERLANDS' CRACK SHIP.

Shanghai, March 10.

One of the most interesting additions to Shanghai's international fleet is the Netherlands' armoured cruiser "Sumatra," which arrived here on February 18 under the command of Captain Jhr. George L. Schorer. The vessel is the most modern warship possessed by the Netherlands Navy, to whom it was delivered by the Netherlands Shipbuilding Co. Works at Amsterdam, the engines being fitted by the Werkspoor Works.

At her trials she attained a speed of 31.8 knots. The vessel's displacement is 7,500 tons, length 172 yards, greatest breadth 18 yards and draught 22 ft. The engines include three steam turbines of the Zoely type. At the trials these engines attained a capacity of 32,000 h.p. The steam is delivered by eight double-ended triple boilers.

Protection is provided by three inch belt armour and a protective deck of 1.2 ft. The armoured turret has a wall three inches thick. Her armament consists of ten 5.9 in. guns, and four 8 in. anti-aircraft guns. Space is provided for mines and two torpedoes. The control is by radio telegraph, and in combination with "air" searchlights are carried.

The "Sumatra" carries a crew of 300, and is armed with 16 anti-aircraft guns. The vessel is built and armed at Rotterdam Dock by the Hoogovens Works, and is the first of a class of three vessels to be built for the Netherlands Navy.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

P. & O. "KHYBER."

The following Government passengers were on the P. & O. "Khyber" which arrived here yesterday from London via Singapore and leaves to-day for Shanghai.

The military officers, etc., are other routine calls for others whose period of service is complete, or they are newly posted to units already out here.

From London:—Major and Mrs. B. C. Lake, Major P. S. Stewart.

Capt. C. W. Morison, Capt. R. L. Carew, Capt. and Mrs. R. M. Campbell.

Lt. and Mrs. A. Sexton, Lt. J. A. Crouch, Lt. C. E. C. Burton, Lt. and Mrs. J. R. Sandeman, 2nd Lt. J. W. MacLaren.

Mrs. Thorpe, W. O. M. A. Macdonald, Q.M.S. and Mrs. L. P. Hale and Miss Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Latham, Mrs. E. W. Spencer, 59 non-commissioned officers and men.

From Malta:—Major W. K. Morrison, Major Port Said:—18 N.C.O.'s and men.

From London to Shanghai:—Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. F. Anderson, Major C. Armstrong.

Captain T. R. H. Smyth, 2nd Lt. T. S. Knowles, 2nd Lt. P. R. York.

Miss G. R. Glackan, Miss E. Bentley, Miss M. Eyles, 11 N.C.O.'s and men.

DEPARTURES.

First-class passengers on the "President Grant," left Hong Kong for San Francisco via Shanghai on March 15 were:—Miss V. Berger, Mr. F. F. Glass, Mrs. C. Harchner, Mrs. W. H. Hannigan, Mr. J. P. Heilbronn, Mrs. E. Mundt, Mrs. M. L. Mundy, Mrs. L. Riedel, Mr. and Mrs. A. Seth, Mr. C. Kokuku, Mr. H. R. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Flood, Mrs. A. Billings, Mr. M. E. J. Cleland, Miss F. Dyele, Mrs. J. W. Stutted, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Roosa, Mr. P. G. Vargara, Miss K. Davis, Mr. R. Cort, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Suckling, Mr. E. Alabaster, Mrs. E. A. Proulx, Miss Ho Fai-ha, Mr. P. W. Cantlon, Mr. H. A. Towne, Miss M. Mead, Miss A. J. Edmunds, Mr. C. G. Mackie, Mr. T. G. Wall, Mr. Edwin Stuparich, Mr. A. G. Sumard, Mr. E. A. Yates, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Major A. G. Hill, Rev. J. H. Evans, Miss E. James, Miss Leung, Miss Chung, Mr. Lau, Mr. F. Gregory, Mrs. O. J. Anderson, Miss M. Anderson, Miss W. F. Mackinley, Miss S. C. Ting, Mr. Tom Sing-cheng, Mr. Tom Yee-ngok, Mr. P. Endicott, Mr. Chek Wan, Mr. L. Abby, Mr. P. D. Cravath, Mr. and Mrs. Jupp, Miss Jupp, Mr. Lo Kan, Mr. M. W. Stevens, Mr. K. E. Fung, Mr. Sheng Tsoon-chuan, Mr. S. Katamura, Mr. G. Cuvillier, Mr. Ho Yee-sang, Mr. Wah Shing-chuen, Mr. Frank W. Lee, Mrs. A. Petroff, Master G. Petroff, Miss Sonia, Miss Pavlena, Mrs. S. Floris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Floris, Miss L. Floris, Miss E. Floris, Mr. P. Floris, Mr. H. S. Creighton, Mr. V. E. Creighton, Mr. E. A. Cohen, Mr. Arundel, Mr. E. Smith, Mr. W. Moore, Mr. H. Gelman, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Stogdale, Mrs. L. Heymannson, Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Hilpreth, Miss L. W. Westhebe, Miss A. Hildreth, Master J. Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Ruffner, Mr. Gow Yin-hon, Mr. Choy Yee, Mr. Yip Pui-cho, Mr. Toy Tai, Mr. Yee Boey, Mr. Lam Shun-yick, Mrs. L. Johnson, Mrs. F. F. G. Donaldson, Miss S. Donaldson, Miss J. Donaldson, Mr. F. F. G. Donaldson, Master F. F. G. Donaldson, Master J. Donaldson, Dr. and Mrs. I. C. Wohrley, Master M. Wohrley, Mr. G. F. Sauer, Mrs. E. Sauer, Master E. Sauer, Mrs. J. A. Van Leer, Mrs. W. E. Van Leer, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hawker, Miss D. Hawker, Mrs. H. Henderson, Mr. P. B. Findlay.

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Apr. 13	San Francisco	Aquiline	May 11	Cbrg-Shanghai May 17
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Apr. 27	San Francisco	Reg. Ellis	May 18	Fmth-Cbrg June 4
May 4	Seattle	Aquiline	May 31	Cbrg-Shanghai June 6
May 10	San Francisco	Honolulu	June 11	Cbrg-Shanghai June 17
May 18	Seattle	Honolulu	June 16	Fmth-Cbrg June 21
May 24	San Francisco	Majestic	June 26	Cbrg-Shanghai July 1
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BIRTH.

CARVALHO.—On February 28,
1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. F. R. de Carvalho, a son.

DEATHS.

ANDREWS.—On March 5, 1927, at
Shanghai, Alice Andrews.
IVERSEN.—On March 3, 1927, at
Shanghai, Johan Ludvik Iver-
sen, Norwegian subject, Mas-
ter of the s.s. "Ravenhill,"
aged 47 years.
THOMSON.—On March 9, 1927, at
Shanghai, Annie, wife of J. C.
Thomson, in her 69th year.
HOEVIK.—On March 7, 1927, at
Shanghai, Hans Andreas
Hoevik, merchant and Nor-
wegian Honorary Vice Consul
at Hankow, aged 33 years.

MOB LAW.

If the Chinese Nationalist
Government desire to inaugurate
peace and order throughout China
it is time that they openly dis-
sociated themselves from the un-
ruly "Red" agitators who are
making havoc on the Yangtze
and in Shanghai. So long as the
reign of terror exists without a
single demerit from the National-
ist Government so long will that
Government fail in their efforts
to secure recognition from the
Powers even in their own particu-
lar zone as a Government that can
ensure absolute tranquillity and
what is more to the point—pro-
tection for the foreigner and for
the employees of foreigners.

It would be idle at this late date
for the Nationalist Government to
pretend that at the moment the
"Reds" are not working on their
side, fomenting trouble all over
the land in the effort to terrorise
the military and civilians alike to
come under the sway of the
Southern Government. Any
movement initiated on a false
basis cannot hope to succeed
eventually. The Cantonese set
out on their Northern campaign
impregnated with Bolshevist
ideas, ruled by a Bolshevist ad-
viser, and assisted by Bolshevist
Generals, Bolshevist arms and
Bolshevist munitions of war.
Any attempts to oust the "Red"
influence have never wholly suc-
ceeded, nor are they likely to until

the Cantonese military and civil
authorities put their foot down
firmly once and for all.

Time and again the Canton Gov-
ernment have resented criticism
of their administration, pointing
to this and to that measure of re-
form as symbolical of progress all
along the line. But simultaneous-
ly have occurred mob outrages
incited by "Red" agitators evi-
dently in the pay of the Cantonese
Government. Everything is put
down to the awakening of the
need for Chinese Nationalism, a
slogan that sounds all right until
it is shattered by acts of terrorism
on the part of Cantonese and Bol-
shevist emissaries. Whilst the
Nationalists talk largely of the
demand for Chinese independence
they themselves are getting deeper
and deeper in the toils of
Moscow. Whilst they clamour for
freedom and for the abolition of
unequal treaties—which all the
Powers have already consented to
revise at an opportune moment—they
are becoming slaves to Soviet
Russia, whose objective is not the
uplifting of China but the down-
fall of China at the expense of
the foreign Powers.

Great Britain has herself con-
ceded much to the Nationalists.
She is quite ready to concede
more, but the Nationalists must
make further concessions possible
by ridding themselves of the
"Red" elements, disclaiming any
lot or parcel in the reign of ter-
rorism, and proving by deeds as
well as by words that they are
really capable of restoring and
maintaining peace and order.
Once they give definite evidence of
such they will have done much to
bridge the gulf between them-
selves and Britain and the other
Powers.

Hong Kong and Opium.

Could the League of Nations
adduce nothing else to its credit
but the efforts it has made to cope
with the drug evil, it would still
stand before the world as an
immense force for the common
good. The report of the opium
committee, which has just been
adopted by the Council at Geneva,
is a document of the greatest
value, representing at once a
searching inquiry into the drug
traffic and a fearless statement
of the facts. The part of
this report which interests
Hong Kong most is of course the
part relating to China, and the
Colony will be glad to note that
the report makes mention of the
fact that "the large outflow of
opium from China very seriously
embarrasses the adjoining coun-
tries," since this fact provides
the keynotes of our opium policy.
Hong Kong would be only too
glad to abolish the opium traffic
altogether, but such a step impos-
sible. In the words of a special
committee appointed to consider
the Colony's position with regard
to opium, "while China continues
to provide its population with
opium in unlimited quantities, Hong
Kong is attempting to prevent
consumption by those Chinese
who happen to be within its
borders, is merely beating the
air. However, Britain has offered
to see to it that opium-smoking
entirely ceases in the Far Eastern

possessions within fifteen years of
the date when China's efforts to
suppress the cultivation of the
poppy have become really
effective. Therefore the onus is
upon China to make the efforts
upon which the suppression of
opium-smoking within her own
territory, as well as within Brit-
ain's Far Eastern possessions,
finally depends.

7 LAKHS WILL.

ESTATE OF MRS. SEEMAH
BELLIOS.

GRANTS TO JERUSALEM.

Estate in Hong Kong to the value
of \$707,200 was left by Mrs. Seemah
Bellios, who at the time of her
death in Hong Kong was believed
to be the oldest resident of the
Colony.

Mrs. Bellios, who was the widow
of Mr. E. R. Bellios, C.M.G., was
90 years of age. Probate of her
will was granted to-day to Mr.
D. J. Lewis, solicitor, executor and
trustee under the will. The other
executor, Mr. C. A. Hooper, re-
nounced probate.

After detailing certain personal
bequests and charitable grants, the
will directs that the residue be
given to the Jewish synagogue in
Jerusalem to be invested by the
Governing Body for securing the
poor and needy and infirm.

The Executors are asked to re-
quest this Governing Body "that
they will of their charity cause for
a period of one year after my death
prayers to be said in the Synagogue
for the repose of my soul and dur-
ing the same period that a lamp be
burnt day and night before the
Holy Table in the synagogue."

Included in the other bequests are
the following grants: 1,000 rupees
to deceased's late father's syna-
gogue, viz. the Margan Davie
Synagogue, Calcutta; 25,000 rupees
to the Talmat Torai (Teaching
House) for housing, clothing and
educating poor Jewish children in
Calcutta and provision for the erec-
tion of a white marble tombstone
over deceased's grave.

Perpetuating The Faith.
Regarding deceased's grand-
children, Lionel and Nigel Bellios,
the will requests them to marry
and, so far as is practicable, per-
petuate deceased's late husband's
name and that they take a wife of
the Jewish faith of their grand-
father and great-grandfather.

Providing these grand-children
marry in accordance with this ex-
pressed wish wives of Jewish faith
and descent, they are granted
respectively, a diamond brooch and
tiara (for Lionel) and a ruby neck-
lace and diamond head ornament
(for Nigel).

To her daughters, Sally Judah and
Hannah Judah, deceased leaves
50,000 rupees each; to her sister,
Dinah Raphael Gubbay, of Cal-
cutta, 2,000 rupees for mourning
and to her grand-daughter Kitty
Judah 5,000 rupees for remem-
brance and mourning.

WORTH \$10,000.

CHANCE FOR THE OPULENT
TOURIST.

Tourists by the sea. "California"
should not omit a visit to the pre-
sences of Mr. Kwong Sang, St.
George's Building, Ice House
Street, where they will find a rare
collection of Chinese antiques, por-
celain, jade, jewellery, and art
blackwood furniture.

They should also make a point of
seeing an Imperial "Kalshu" (hand
woven silk) picture of the "Man-
jusari Buddha." This is made of
hand woven or drawn-coloured silk
and red gold thread of the finest
workmanship drawn in the Imperial
Palace in Peking under the superin-
tendence of the late Empress.

In the middle of the shrine is the
Manjusari Buddha, and at the back
is the finest gold thread-screen with
minute figures in the circular
bridges. In the lower part a lion
(Buddhist attendant) or Dog of Fu
with tufts of hair and lucky tail
closely resembles the Peking
spotted, who is, in fact, called after
him the "Lion Dog." The lion is
mounted in diaper pattern saddle,
jewel pendants and tassels, and the
two attendants are in Buddhist
form.

This is an exceptional Chinese
work of art, and shows the Kalshu
silk type at the best. There are
two similar Kalshu pictures in the
Chinese Museum in Peking, which
are highly priced. The picture is
57 inches by 28½ inches in size,
and is mounted in fine old Chinese
tapestry. Offers of \$10,000 were
made, refused by the previous
owner before coming into Mr.
Kwong Sang's possession.

ARMED ROBBERS.

Eight men armed with revolvers
and daggers broke into a Stone-
cutter's matched at Lung Ku Kan,
Pingshan district on Sunday night
and stole property worth \$45.

THEFT FROM BEACH.

While Mr. Malcher was bathing
on the sea-shore opposite his house
at Long Light Villa, Jubilee Road, on
Sunday afternoon a thief stole his
coat, camera, which he had left on
the beach.

"ONE OF US."

Cork Paper and Canton
Leader.

MR. CHEN "PURE IRISH."

Never since George Bernard
Shaw conclusively proved that
the Irish were the original lost
tribes of Israel has such delight-
ful foolery been furnished as by
a writer in a Cork newspaper,
the "Evening Echo," who, in a
recent issue, derived much
pleasure from the Eugene Chen-
O'Malley negotiations in the fact
(so he claimed) that both of the
principals are Irish.

How he connects the Cantonese
Nationalist Minister for Foreign
Affairs with the sons of Erin, is
a genealogical feat of much
dexterity, but this is how he does
it: "When you hear of the fact
that Mr. O'Malley, adviser to the
British Legation, at Peking, is
discussing the Hankow situation
with Mr. Eugene Chen, and then
you read that more cruisers have
been ordered to sail for the Yang-
tze, you probably feel puzzled
about the effects of these diplo-
matic conversations," he writes.

"But if you had a sufficiently
informed mind to know that
the diplomatic conversationalists
were two of ours, you'd have a
perfect understanding of what's
happening, and why it is that the
newspapers say the situation is
fraught with possibilities. Of
course, even in your unenlighten-
ed state you quite realise that the
name of O'Malley lays the wearer
of it open to suspicion that he is
one of us. But you gave no
thought to the fact that Mr.
Chen's name is as much fraught
with possibilities as Hankow it-
self. By way of gently breaking
into the recesses of your intel-
ligence, I put it to you how or
where did Mr. Chen get the first
name of Eugene?"

"If you had the faith that con-
quers the process of nomenclature
you'd know that Eugene is a sort
of compromise edition of Eoin.
Which first step in easy informa-
tion reduces the Cantonese For-
eign Minister to plain Eoin Chen.
The explanation of the second
name, once you understand the
process which we adopt when we
get out of our own country, is
quite simple. For a foreign
Minister it is a first essential that
he should have a name that comes
easy to the other fellows, and that
appears in the newspapers without
suggesting that it belongs to a
printer's pie line—you know the
sort of thing that breaks into the
report of the District Court, and
makes the complainant say
ah r w and d v o y l—o. w. w. I giv-
ing frequently the false impres-
sion that you're reading the
report of a prosecution for
abusive language. You'll have
noticed that most native Chinese
names spell that way—how they
pronounce them is not given to
the Western tongue to say.

"Now, Mr. Chen being wise to
the advantages of an easily spell-
ed and pronounced name, decided
to adapt his second name to the
circumstances. Therefore, he
shortened it up to Chen. Chen is
the nearest thing in Chinese to
the Mr. Shean, who, with Mr.
Gallagher, is famed in song. Mr.
Shean is short for Mr. Sheehan,
which in the native language of
our noble ancestors is spelled O.
Siobhain. Therefore, you will
observe the Foreign Minister to
the Cantonese Government is the
survival under the Westernized
name of Eugene Chen, of Eoin O.
Siobhain, and one of us. Hence
the course of the battle cruisers
Eastward as the result of the
diplomatic conversations for the
peace of the East."

"THE BETTER 'OLE."

NAVAL & MILITARY "Y.M."
IN KOWLOON.

Aptly termed "The Better
'Ole," the new Y.M.C.A. in what
was formerly a godown in Peking
Road has opened for the use of
the Services. Although its chief
scope will be when the troops
return from camp at Fanning and
are billeted locally, it is already
meeting a great need for the
"Tommy's" who are given leave
in Kowloon at night time.

One of the principal features
is a large stage which has been
erected for concerts, which are
being arranged, and lectures on
interesting subjects, which it is
proposed to give.

Canteen facilities are all that
could be desired, the tea-sal-
oon, having been dis-
posed with in favour of "the cup that
cheers" straight from the tea-pot.
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literature and books is also
provided.

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other cough medicine. Have a bot-
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for the children and the grown-up
too. Every family should have a
bottle of it.

"HANOI" PIRACY.

HOW A GUARD WAS SHOT
DEAD.

EVIDENCE IN COURT.

The Chinese alleged to have
been concerned in the "Hanoi"
piracy on November 11 last was
again before Mr. R. B. Lindsell
this morning when evidence was
taken.

The ship's chief Annamite cook
said he was on board when the
piracy took place. He knew it oc-
curred in November but could not
remember the date. He was in
the kitchen between four and five
o'clock when gun firing broke out
in the alleyway near the engine
room on the port side of the ship.
Witness got out of the galley to
see what was happening and saw
the Annamite guard on the floor
of the alleyway, struggling with
two armed Chinese who were on
their knees trying to take the
guard's gun. One of the pirates
saw witness and shot at him. The
bullet hit witness's upper lip and
injured his jaw. At the same
time the other pirate shot the
guard through the head. Witness
could not say if the guard was
killed or not. He did not see the
man again. After he was hit wit-
ness returned to the galley. An
hour later an armed Chinese came
in and ordered witness to prepare
food. Altogether witness saw
three armed Chinese. He could
not recognise any of them now as
the piracy occurred a long time
ago. The next day the ship got
to Bias Bay and the following
night it reached Hong Kong where
witness entered hospital and was
there for 14 days.

An Annamite seaman said he
and two other seamen hid in the
quarters in the bow throughout
the piracy. Some time before the
ship reached Bias Bay three armed
Chinese came along and order-
ed them into the alleyway where
they were forced to throw the
guard's corpse overboard. They
did not dare refuse for fear of
being shot. Witness saw the dead
guard had a bullet wound in his
right cheek. Witness could not
recognise any of the three pirates
he saw.

Detective Sergt. Macdonald
gave evidence of the accused's ar-
rest on Dec. 27 at Mongkok in the
course of an arms raid at 26, Chee
Ma Terrace. All the men present,
including the accused, were
searched. Some jewellery was
found on the accused and he was
arrested. Witness said the police
had previously received informa-
tion that certain "Hanoi" pirates
were hiding in Mongkok, and the
finding of the jewellery on the ac-
cused led to his being suspected.
On the 31st the accused figured in
two identification parades at Cen-
tral Station and he was identified
without hesitation by a member of
the "Hanoi" crew.

Replying to His Worship, Chief
Detective Inspector Murphy said
the jewellery found on the accused
had not been identified or claim-
ed by anybody.

In asking for a further week's
remand Inspector Murphy ex-
plained that the police had receiv-
ed cable information that the
papers were late in arriving be-
cause the Governor of Indo-China
was away at present and there
was no one to sign the prisoner's
requisition.

In granting a further remand
until 10 a.m. on March 22 the
Magistrate said if no papers ar-
rived by April 9 the accused
would have to go before the
Criminal Sessions. He did not
think they could hold accused any
longer as he had already been in
jail three months.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST
WEEK.

Last week's return of notifiable
diseases in the Colony comprised—
Small-pox: 7 Chinese cases, (3
imported) from the city—9 deaths.
Diphtheria: 1 case from city, 1
from Kowloon, total 2 (1 British, 1
Chinese)—no deaths.
Enteric fever (typhoid): 8 cases
from city, 1 from Kowloon, total 7
(2 British, 1 Japanese, 8 Chinese
and 1 Chinese imported)—2 deaths.
Para-typhoid fever: 1 Japanese
case from Kowloon.
Rabies: a dog from Shaikwan.
Influenza (not notifiable): 1
death.

RESCUED FROM BIAS BAY.

Word has been received locally
that Chinese soldiers have re-
covered from the pirates at
Bias Bay a Hong Kong passport
bearing Hong Kong Police
No. 2499P.

SERBIAN ACTOR ARRESTED.

A Serbian actor named George
Parrot was arrested in Yau-mat
yesterday on a charge of theft of
\$30 in notes by a trick.

Talvon broke the lock of the
Tatlers Company's safe at 25,
Clyde Road, yesterday night, and
stole \$100,000 worth of goods.
The goods were valued at \$100,000.

DEFENCE FORCE.

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SINGAPORE TRAGEDY.

Official Report From Straits Governor.

London, March 14.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary of Colonies, read the Governor's report of the disturbance at Singapore on the occasion of the celebration of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, stating that a mob attempted to rush the police, who were compelled to fire. Seven Chinese were killed and fourteen wounded. One European Inspector of police, four native police and one native tram conductor were wounded. The town is now quiet.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence asked would it not have been possible to disperse the mob without the use of lethal weapons.

Mr. Amery said he presumed those considerations were in the mind of the police.

Mr. Oswald Mosley (Labour) asked whether no other warning had been given before the firing.

Mr. Amery said he presumed so, but he had no information on the point.—Reuter.

POLICE OFFICER MOBBED.

Civil Authorities "Beaten Up."

The local naval authorities have received the following wireless messages:—

Generals Wang Pu and Chien Chang-ni are reported to have left Wuhan for Taipei-fu, taking most of the troops with them.

All the civil authorities have either left or been (in the actual words of the message) "beaten up."

The City is in the hands of "some kind of Kuomintang" and a Committee at present.

The law Courts there are reported to have been entered and the 2nd Police Officer dragged through the streets.

The Senior Police Officer has vanished.

SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

Chinese General Visits General Duncan.

Shanghai, Mar. 15.
General Pi Shou-chen called on General Duncan and in the course of a friendly conversation it came out clearly that the attempt of his troops to enter the Settlement last Saturday was due to a misunderstanding.

General Pi Shou-chen stated his desire and ability was to maintain law and order in the Shanghai area.—Reuter.

LOOTING LOSSES.

Distributing the Nationalist Compensation.

London, March 14.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. W. Loefer (Conservative), Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said that the Government would distribute among the British subjects who had sustained damage owing to the looting at Kiating the money paid by the Nationalist authorities as compensation in this respect.—Reuter.

MR. CHEN'S THREAT.

Home Secretary and Moscow.

A plain warning that the Government intends to protect British nationals in China, whatever the result of the negotiations regarding treaty rights may be, was given by the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, in a message read at a Twickenham (Middlesex) meeting.

Owing to his recent illness Sir William is not at present allowed to address public meetings, and his son read the message. In the course of which the Home Secretary wrote:—

Anti-British Campaign.

It is unfortunate, and not a little peculiar, that the Chinese Nationalists' anti-foreign bias should have directed mainly against the British. For this it seems certain the Soviet Government are largely responsible. It is only necessary to read the published utterances of some of the responsible Russian leaders to see that the Soviet is wishful to help the Nationalists in the move against foreigners generally, and it may reasonably be assumed, in the light of Russian propaganda in this country and elsewhere in the Empire, that their efforts have been directed against Great Britain in particular.

Cases in Point.

To quote two instances:—Bukharin, one of the leading members of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party, which is the real controlling organ of Government in Russia, said at the conference

RIVER PIRATES.

Latest Reports From the Sze Yap.

SEDITIONARY LITERATURE SEIZED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kongsan, March 12.
Anti-Nationalist documents are alleged to have been seized by a military expedition into a robber stronghold at Namsha.

The soldiers had been sent to round up the outlaws but the latter were not "at home," having gone out to plunder.

Evidently there was something wrong with the intelligence corps of the military, but they made amends by finding the literature without having to fire a shot.

There has been a split in the camp of the famous Kwangtung Tong of pirates. Three leaders have now sprung up, each leading his own branch.

"Phantom" Black Launches.

Kwonghoi city has been quiet ever since the siege and the capture of the notorious bandit, Chan Chuk-sun. It is now learned, however, that small roving bands have been attacking small villages in the vicinity of Kwonghoi during the last two weeks.

Anxiety is felt locally at the appearance of the two black launches at Gaemoh. Some Kungmoon boats saw these "phantom" pirates from a long distance and immediately put back to port.

of the party at the Enlarged Plenary Session of the Executive Committee of the Communist International: "It is perfectly clear that we must now concentrate the principal and central attack of the Chinese people of the Kuomintang and of the Communist Party into a war against foreign Imperialism during the great English strike, during the great China revolution our party has shown itself in the forefront."

Karakhan's Speech.

Karakhan, ex-Ambassador of Moscow, and now again in China, addressed a meeting at Vladivostok at which he said: "We do not attempt to convince China to embark upon Socialist activities and to organise a Soviet Republic. We are merely saying, 'You are being robbed; oust the robbers.' I think that this policy of encouraging and assisting by advice based on our own experience, taking advantage of which the Chinese might more effectively and speedily expel the Imperialists from their native country—this policy will not be changed."

The anti-British direction of the movement manifested itself in a series of labour strikes affecting British concerns which culminated in a boycott of British goods at Canton. Thereafter the Nationalist Cant. se forces occupied Hankow.

Hankow Gesture.

In view of the fact that the success of any conciliatory policy might be endangered if resort were had to defence by force, the concession was temporarily abandoned. Whether this gesture will have the effect of bringing home to the Chinese the sincerity of our assertions that we are willing and anxious to negotiate a revision of existing treaties remains to be seen.

The gesture cannot be repeated, and if the threatened advance on Shanghai involves a repetition of what occurred at Hankow, the Government have no alternative but to take such steps as lie within their power to protect the lives and property of British subjects in that city.

While our diplomats are negotiating with Mr. Chen, he does not hesitate, in a telegram to the Labour Party here, to utter threats and to speak of the very Government with which he is negotiating in anything but amicable terms. Such actions do not make for the smooth passage of negotiation.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Workers and Cigarette Factories.

Shanghai, March 14.
A delayed telegram from Hankow, dated March 10, states that the workers of the British Cigarette Company, which closed down their factories on July 9 owing to the unreasonable attitude of the union leaders and the generally unsettled conditions, are threatening to take over and control the establishment unless the management re-opens. Early this morning the employees entered one factory and started up the boilers, but when the whistle blew for starting work only the mechanics responded. At a later meeting, the workers appointed 24 directors to make plans and raise capital to run the factories.—Reuter.

HANKOW INTRIGUE.

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blind the people, to make them their tools, and to eliminate those whose ideas are not in common with their own.

To Uphold Authority.
"As chairman of the Central Executive Committee and the Political Committee of the Kuomintang, I will see to it that my duty in preventing the authority of the Kuomintang and the Nationalist Government from being broken or influenced by any



General Li Chai-sum, commander-in-chief at Canton.

selfish person or persons is carried out. This is also a responsibility in which every member of the Kuomintang has a share. Let me ask those who advocate the principle of uplifting and centralising the authority of the Kuomintang whether they can tell me who has reduced the authority of the Kuomintang? Can they tell me where its authority has been broken that they want to centralise it?

A "Second Napoleon."
Furthermore, certain persons allege that the Nationalist Government is being directed towards an autocratic tendency and they



General Cheng Fah-hui, who has been in power following the Kuomintang conference at Hankow.

fear that a second Napoleon will make his appearance in China. Others say that the Central Executive Committee is the highest committee and that there is no other equivalent in power to it. I do not understand what this 'other committee' is or what it indicates.

"There can be no other committee equivalent in powers to the Central Executive Committee be-



General Chen Ming-shu, said to have left Hankow because of pro-Chang Kai-shek sympathies.

cause it will impair the central power. In case there is one, it is the joint conference in Hankow, which has no historical background and which they advocate as a higher authority. If they want to 'uplift' the authority of the Kuomintang, they should and must first dissolve this Conference as we demand.

Factional Struggle.
At a meeting of the Political Committee and the Central Ex-

ecutive Committee, it was decided to dissolve the Joint Conference at Hankow and, instead, to form a political committee, but these people insist that the Joint Committee should be upheld. They have, therefore, defied the authority of the central authority of the Kuomintang.

"There are people who say that the Kuomintang is directed towards an autocratic tendency but I do not know who this autocrat is to be or who he is taken to be. If they mean that the commander-in-chief (Gen. Chiang himself) is an autocrat, they are entirely wrong and far misled. The commander-in-chief possesses no authority of his own but what has been granted to him by the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang and the Nationalist Government. He has been appointed and become commander-in-chief by mandate of the Government and in accordance with the Kuomintang principles and rules of order.

"You May Shoot Me."

"I believe that Mr. Hsu Chien and only Mr. Hsu Chien is an autocrat. He has taken over the chairmanship of the Joint Conference in Hankow to himself and he has attempted to direct the Government. Aside from Mr. Hsu Chien and his Joint Conference in Hankow, there is no other man or organisation in the Kuomintang is autocratic.

"I am the chairman of the Political Committee of the Kuomintang. Any of you may ask the members of this committee whether any resolution in the minute books expresses my sole will.

"If I am an autocrat, then you can regard me as an enemy of the Kuomintang and not a follower of the late President Sun Yat-sen. You may punish me then in accordance with the law or shoot me if you think fit.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 15—Queen's Theatre: "The Circle."

March 15—World Theatre: "Classified."

March 15—Star Theatre: "The Women Conquerors," "The Lover of Camille."

March 17—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 19—Concert and Games at City Hall, given by Morrison Hall, (University Hostel), members, 8 p.m.

March 19—The Hong Kong A.D.C. presents the brilliant comedy by Frederic Lonsdale, "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne" at the Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.

March 21 & 22—Jascha Heifetz at the Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

Sport.

March 26—Annual Athletic Sports meeting of H.K. University at Pokfulam.

March 15—Mid-Level Residents' Assoc. Meeting, Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak Road, 6 p.m.

March 18—Annual meeting of the Society of St. George, Hong Kong, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., 6.30 p.m.

March 16—St. Joseph's College prize distribution, 5.15 p.m., at the College.

March 18—Lantern lectures by Rev. J. C. Knight Ancey on "Climes of India Life," at the Wesleyan Sallory and Soldiers' Home, commencing at 8 p.m. Members of H.M. Forces cordially invited.

ROYAL NAVY.

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entered it asking other nations to consider our special difficulties in the same way that we should undoubtedly respect and consider theirs." (Cheers).

There were special circumstances with regard to the British Navy which were totally different from those of any other country. Our obligation was to maintain our fleet at equal naval strength with any other Power, and to provide reasonable security for safeguarding trade and communications.

The only chance of success for the conference was that the Powers entering it were perfectly frank with each other, and said why they wanted the strength they wanted.

He hoped France and Italy would reconsider the question and join in after all. (Cheers).

He expressed the opinion that very considerable progress could be achieved without risking the obligations which the Admiralty and Fleet must carry out.—Reuter.

America and France.

Paris, March 14.

A further effort to persuade France to participate in President Coolidge's disarmament conference is being made by the United States Government, who handed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a Note replying to France's objections.

The Note which concluded by inviting France to be represented "in some way" at the proposed conference, intimates that each participating Power could come with a programme which seems fit to it and points out that the conference so far from injuring can only help the League of Nations which is at present considering disarmament problems.—Reuter.

Interesting Suggestion.

Mr. C. G. Ammon (Labour) pleaded for a naval holiday. He described "the reorientation of the Navy in Eastern waters" as a danger to world peace.

Comdr. Kenworthy suggested that at the forthcoming disarmament conference the three principal naval Powers should enter a convention for mutual assistance in the event of unprovoked aggression.

Japan might agree to safeguard our sea route in the Pacific, and we to safeguard Japan's trade route in the Mediterranean.

In the same way America might safeguard our trade routes in the West Atlantic, while we guaranteed the Mediterranean.

Comdr. C. Bellairs (Conservative) suggested that Japan might be given an expansion of territory if she agreed to disarm.—Reuter.

Estimates Passed.

Later.
After a Labour amendment to reduce the Navy's personnel had been rejected by 250 to 91 votes the Navy Estimates were agreed to.—Reuter.

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SPORTS SECTION

HOME SOCCER.

LEAGUE RESULTS IN MID-WEEK.

DIVISION II & III.

London, March 14.
Principal football matches to-day resulted (home team given first):—
English League.
Division II: Fulham 0, Portsmouth 0; Hull 0, Southampton 0; Barnsley 3, Preston N.E. 0.
Division III: Southern Section: Millwall 1, Coventry 0.—Reuter.

"CUP" RECORDS.

Notes by Mail About 8th Round Ties.

London, March 5.
Nearly all London appeared to have succumbed to the lure of the Cup today, all of the matches attracting monster attendances, in spite of the fact that the weather was showery. The grounds in most parts of the country were on the heavy side.

At Stamford Bridge, where Chelsea drew with Cardiff in a goalless match, no less than 80,000 persons were present, while 20,000 had to be refused admission. This is easily a record for the ground, the highest figures previously being 77,000 in the F. A. Cup match against Swindon in 1911.

Tremendous enthusiasm was displayed at Highbury, where 55,000 witnessed the victory of the Arsenal over Wolverhampton by two goals to one. The attendance record at Highbury was put up in the League match against the Spurs in 1921, when 60,000 people were present.

Thousands of spectators were shut out at the Den where no less than 45,000 passed through the turnstiles to watch the pointless draw between Millwall and Southampton. This is another gate record, beating the 44,000 present at the game between Millwall and Middlesbrough in the previous round.

Extraordinary scenes occurred at Swansea, where, before a crowd of 30,000, Reading put up the finest performance of the day by defeating the home team by three goals to one. Never before have so many people been seen on this ground, the previous gate record being 24,404 in the League match against Exeter in 1925.

To Save Relegation?
London, March 5.
Everton, who are second from the bottom of the First Division, in an attempt to escape relegation, have signed on R. Forsyth (Liverpool), W. Cresswell (Sunderland), E. Critchley (Stockport County) and Taylor. The transfer fees will total approximately £20,000.
Forsyth scored 27 goals for Liverpool last season, the highest individual aggregate for his Club.

RUGGER MATCH.

CLUB "TITANIA" FIFTEENS.

The following fifteens have been selected for the local rugby match on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, Hong Kong Football Club (rugby section) v. H.M.S. "Titania" and attached Submarines—

Club—H. J. Armstrong; G. P. Lammert; A. C. I. Bowker, King, Pritchard; Wales, McKay; Millar, Foster, Akehurst, Treves, Middleton Smith, Beveridge, Proes, Garrard.
"Titania"—Lt. Dunne (L2); E.R.A. Billings (L7); Lt. Reeves (Titania), E.R.A. Keblewhite (L2); E.R.A. Rhodes (L19); Lt. Turnbull (L20); Lt. Charley (L7); Lt. Studholme (L19); Lt. Gould (Titania), Lt. Hodgkinson (L2); Lt. Edwards (L3); A.B. Acott (L2); E.R.A. Macdonald (L19); A.B. West (L20); E.R.A. Rippington (L2).
Referee: Mr. S. J. Jordan.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Rain prevented play yesterday in the Hong Kong C.C. annual lawn tennis tournament. To-day's fixtures are:—
Open Singles—E. C. Fincher v. Lu Tak-lam.
Open Doubles—Capt. Howard and Capt. Jacobs-Lurkom v. Cheong Tuck-wing and Hung Hui-chen; Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung v. Major C. Willson and G. R. Sayer.
Club Championship—R. M. Henderson v. Dr. D. J. Valentine.
Handicap Doubles—Dr. J. C. Macgown and M. M. Watson (rec. 15/2) v. H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 9/0); J. S. Kennedy and P. E. Barker (rec. 15) v. H. E. Standage v. H. R. Remington (rec. 5/6).

ACCIDENT TO TYLDESLEY.

London, March 5.
E. Tyldesley (the Lancashire cricket professional now touring the West Indies under the "Tom-Lin-Tennison") sustained injuries in a motor accident in Jamaica, but they were not sufficiently serious to affect his cricket.

HOME RUGGER.

NAVY, ARMY, AIR FORCE RESULTS.

SERVICES TOURNAMENT.

London, March 5.
In the inter-services rugby tournament at Twickenham, the Royal Navy beat the Army by six points to three.

Last year the Army defeated the Navy by eleven points to eight.

London, Feb. 19.
In the inter-services rugby tournament the Royal Navy beat the Royal Air Force by 8 points to 3 at Twickenham.

It was a desperately fast and keen game, with varying fortunes. The Airman deserved the honours in the

"VARSITY" SPORTS.

Date of Annual Athletic Meeting.

The annual athletic sports meeting of the Hong Kong University has been arranged for Saturday, March 26, on the recreation ground at Pokfulam.

first half, but the Navy had the upper-hand throughout the second half. The Air Force backs were superior, but lost several opportunities of scoring.

Prince George Present.
Five minutes before the interval Pilot Officer, Hodden gave the Air Force the lead with an unconverted try.

After the resumption the Navy pack asserted itself and good forward play led to Sub-Lt. Lee scoring the equalising try, which was not converted. Just on time Lt. Crik added a second for the Navy, and the International, Sub-Lt. Sellar, added the extra points.

Lt. Prince George, R.N., was present as a spectator.

CLUB MATCHES.

Latest Results Ahead of the Mail.

London, March 5.
Rugby to-day was played in showery weather and the grounds were slightly on the heavy side. Richmond visited Blackheath and were defeated by 17 points to 8.

A fine game was seen in London, where Northampton beat the London Scottish by the narrow margin of 5 points to 3.
The London Welsh proved much superior to the London Irish and won by 25 points to 3.

A hard and splendidly contested match was seen at Swansea, where the home club just beat Cardiff by 16 points to 13.
Rosslyn came to London and defeated Guy's by 11 points to 3.

Only one point separated Bradford and Stewarriors in a great game at Bradford, where the home side won by 9 points to 8.

Leicester entertained the Harlequins and won by 11 points to 3.
Playing at home, Coventry defeated Bedford by 16 points to 6.

On their own ground, Newport overcame Plymouth by 11 points to 3.

THE "VARSITIES."

London, March 5.
In the bantam, feather, light, welter, middle, light-heavy and heavy-weight boxing contests, Cambridge defeated Oxford by four matches to three, a similar result to that of last year.

London, March 5.
The Oxford University crew rowed from Marshlock to Hambleton in 13 minutes 41 seconds, which is 12 seconds faster than the record.

The Cambridge crew are rowing well and satisfying their supporters.

WEEK'S CYCLE RACE.

New York, March 14.
The Macnamara Georgetti Australian-Italian team won the six day cycle race, covering 2,340 9/10th miles. They were only three tenths of a mile ahead of the American team, Macnamara, encased in plaster splints from his waist upwards owing to a spill, led the field in the final.—Reuter's American Service.

HOME HOCKEY.

London, March 5.
In the inter-divisional hockey match, the South beat the North by two goals to one.

In this series of matches the South have won 23, the North 4, and 1 has been drawn. The South have scored 109 goals to their opponents' 45.

ARMY RACQUETS FINAL.

London, March 5.
In the Army racquets final, Lt. G. N. Scott-Chad (Coldstream Guards) defeated Lt. R. Duckworth-King (Coldstream Guards) by three matches to one.

COUNT'S "AUDACITY."

ALSACE LORRAINE CATHOLICS INDIGNANT.

Strasbourg, March 14.
The leading Alsatian Catholic organ, "Elsässer", publishes an open letter to Count Westarp, German Nationalist leader.

The letter declares that Alsacians are all agreed to reject any German interference in Alsace Lorraine affairs, which only concern France. The letter adds when Count Westarp has the audacity of talk of Alsace Lorraine, he simply excites Alsacians to unbounded indignation.—Havas.

KERENSKY.

FACE SMACKED IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 14.
An audience of 5,000 tumultuously received General Kerensky on his appearance on the stage of the Century Theatre to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Russian



Alexander Kerensky.

revolution, but an uproar ensued when a woman monarchist approached the ex-Premier ostensibly to present a bouquet of roses. Instead of which she resoundingly and repeatedly smacked his face. General Kerensky impassively waved back his friends who sought to lay hands on his assailant. Kerensky was later heckled by communists in the gallery and monarchists in the stalls but defied both factions in an address bristling with scorn and invective.—Reuter's American Service.

TRAIN CRASH.

FOURTEEN KILLED; MANY INJURED.

Calcutta, March 14.
It is officially reported from Bhadrak that the casualties in the train collision are fourteen killed, twenty-three seriously injured and twenty-five slightly injured. The engines of both trains have been badly damaged.—Reuter.

An earlier message stated: A collision occurred between the Calcutta-Madras express and a goods train at Bhadrak, 180 miles from Calcutta. Nine persons were killed and 20 injured.

HONG KONG'S GIFT.

MENTIONED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, March 14.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Ridsdill, First Lord of the Admiralty, enumerating the contributions of the Straits, Hong Kong and the Malay States toward the Singapore scheme, said we would be very glad to receive further contributions. (Cheers and laughter).—Reuter.

"DRY LAW."

NOT A SUCCESS IN FINLAND.

Helsingfors, March 14.
On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the enactment of prohibition, a number of prominent citizens, judges, clergymen, scientists and business men issued a manifesto declaring that prohibition had utterly failed and alleging it introduced an atmosphere of hypocrisy and falsehood and was undermining the foundations of the community.—Reuter.

MURDERER SENTENCED.

New Delhi, March 14.
Abdul Rashid, the murderer of Swami Shradhand and has been sentenced to death.—Reuter.

Swami Shradhand, a noted Hindu leader, was shot by Abdul Rashid, a Mahomedan. An attendant named Dhan Singh was also hit and seriously wounded.

"FELL IN LOVE."

16-YEAR OLD GIRL AND A YOUTH.

POLICE COURT SEQUEL.

The case against a Chinese chauffeur charged with harbouring a 16-year old unmarried Chinese girl was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Some amusement was caused in Court when the girl frankly told the Magistrate that she fell in love with the accused and was quite willing to become his wife. Although married the accused could not resist her declaration and fell in love with her.

The girl's master's evidence was that she had been in his house for ten years. She went there as part of witness's wife's dowry when witness got married. The girl had always appeared contented until her sudden disappearance from the house. A friend informed witness of her whereabouts. They visited a house in Pokfulam with a detective and brought the girl back to town. The accused was not there when they called. They met him on the road. He stopped his car, and on being told the girl was being taken to the police station he volunteered to take the party there in the car.

The girl's evidence was that she asked accused to marry her. So deeply had she fallen in love with him that when he informed her he was already married, she asked him to take her as his second wife. He agreed and they went to the house in Pokfulam. She had lived only two days with the accused when another chauffeur, out of jealousy, shattered their romance by giving information to her master.

Accused who said the girl came to him of her own free will, pleaded that this was his first offence and asked the Magistrate to forgive him as he was still a young man—24 years of age.

Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, who prosecuted, said he had been instructed to ask that the option of a fine be given.

Magistrate (to accused): Let this be a lesson to you, you cannot pick up stray girls like this. You are fined \$200.

MISSION WORK.

ST. ANDREW'S AID FOR L.M.S.

LAST NIGHTS CONCERT.

In spite of the inclement weather there was a large attendance at St. Andrew's Church Hall (Kowloon) last evening when an excellent concert was given in aid of the working party of the London Mission Hospital. The success was in large measure due to the organising of Mr. Rupert Baldwin.

Those contributing to the programme were Mrs. Lewis Davies (soprano), Mrs. Balean (violin), Mr. R. Baldwin (accompanist), and the Rev. Rogers (recitation). Also Dr. R. J. McCandless (bass baritone), of the John Kerr Hospital, Canton, and Mr. E. Donithorne's orchestra.

In the interval, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, (Vicar) expressed thanks to the singers and those who had helped to make the evening a success and referred to other successful efforts that the working party had made for this cause. They offered a particular welcome among those who had contributed to the programme to Dr. McCandless who had come from a Hospital which had figured much in the newspapers of late. He would like Dr. McCandless to know that they thought of him and his colleagues during the time they were having in carrying on under extreme difficulty.

The Vicar also thanked Mr. Donithorne for the work he had put into the programme and his constant efforts on behalf of St. Andrew's.

GENERAL ALARM GIVEN.

There was quite a lot of activity at Central Police Station this morning when the general alarm was sounded at 10.15 a.m. On enquiry it was learned that the alarm was given as a test of efficiency. Within the short space of one minute all the men at the station, European, Indian and Chinese, had paraded in the compound in answer to the toll call, all fully equipped for any emergency. After a short drill, a very smart turn out and reflects credit on the training all ranks had received.

BOY NOT LOST IN FIRE.

The small Chinese boy reported missing at the Central Police Station had been found safe.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE CIRCLE" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Said to follow the original play by W. Somerset Maugham more closely than any recent production has followed its original, "The Circle" is an English comedy-drama with a satirical and ironic twist. It is filled with many humorous situations and although it has for a basis a serious subject, it has been treated in a light vein.

In a short prologue which precedes the play, the wife of an English lord elopes with their mutual friend. A lapse of thirty years occurs between the prologue and the play and the son of the deserted Englishman finds himself threatened with the same fate as was visited on his father. The situation is further complicated by the young wife who invites the runaway couple back to learn what their experiences have been. Eleanor Boardman plays the part of the young wife in a convincing manner. Malcolm McGregor portrays the part of her lover and Creighton Hale is the irritating young husband. Alec B. Francis, George Fawcett and Eugene Besserer form the first triangle. Eulalie Jensen and Otto Hoffman have character roles.

AT THE STAR.

"THE WOMAN CONQUERS" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

To be lifted from the certainty and luxury of life as a society girl and plunged into the uncertainty and strife of life in the snow clad woods of the Hudson Bay country, bounded on the north by the aurora borealis and on the south by enemies whose least consideration is manslaughter, is the experience of Katherine MacDonald as Ninon Le-Compte in "The Woman Conquers."

Ninon's entrance into the life of trading post has its humorous side. She and her friends, played by June Elvick and Bryan Washburn, are in the hands of Lazar, played by Mitchell Lewis. The women are bundled into a dog sled to continue the journey. Freddy Van Cort, played by Mr. Washburn, tries to follow on skis, but only tumbles ingloriously in the snow to the delight of the natives. It is only when the party reaches its ultimate destination that they realize the danger of their situation and from that time on event follows event toward a grand climax.

The all star cast includes Clarissa Selwynne, Boris Karloff and Francis McDonald. Violet Clark wrote the story for the screen and Tom Forman directed the production. It is presented by B. P. Schulberg.

"THE LOVER OF CAMILLE."

This picture is based on Sacha Guitry's great play, "Deburau," in which a pantomime clown loves beyond his station and wears a grinning face while his heart is nearly breaking. The death of his "lady of the Camille" affects him so, that on the night of his greatest triumph, he falls before an idolising audience. His son carries on for the father and achieves fame from the very jaws of disaster. Monte Blue is the Deburau of the tale and Marie Prevost plays opposite as Marie Duplessis. The support is strong and the picture is something out of the ordinary.

The first episode of "The Rider of the Plains" will also be shown.

WORLD THEATRE.

"CLASSIFIED" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Don't look for humour with a telescope. You'll find it right over your back-fence, or across your arseway, the philosophers say.

Have a look into the home of the Comets on Sixty-sixth street. As this location is in New York and it would take more rubber than there is in the world for fans to stretch their collective necks that far to see, First National, a kindly disposed film producing concern, has made a picture of that cross-section of life as the Comets live it and will project it on the screen.

Babs Comet, chief want ad siren of the classified department of a big newspaper, furnished Corinne Griffith a new type to characterize in this new production, which is a picturization of Edna Ferber's quaintly humorous magazine yarn, "Classified."

Jack Mulhall, Ward Crane, Edythe Chapman, Charles Murray, George Sidney and others comprise the supporting cast.

It is a picture that will remain in the memory against the challenge of many "sapper" productions.

MOSQUITO CURE.

EXPERIMENTAL BITES ON SICK BRADFORD MAN.

Bites from malarial-infected mosquitoes have been experimentally tried as a cure for a Bradford man suffering from degeneration of the muscles of the spinal cord and the brain.

An official of the Ministry of Health placed the mouth of a bottle containing mosquitoes against the neck of the sick man and stirred them to direct action. Usually, inoculation is made from the blood of a malarial patient, but this involves a risk, owing to the possible introduction of other infectious diseases.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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do. London.	1114 n 1090 s		1113 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	221 n 221 s	221 n	
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	23 3/4 n	23 3/4 n	
do. C.	213 3/4 n	213 3/4 n	
P. & O. Bank	29 1/4 b	210 n	
Bank of East Asia	74 s	67 b	71 b
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	\$560 b	660 b	\$660 b
China Underwriters	80 cts b	80 cts b	80 cts. n
North China Insurance	1145 n	140 n	
Union Insurance	287 1/2 b & sa	286 1/2 b	287 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M. n	40 n	
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	205 b	200 b	
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	31 1/2 n	31 b	31 n
Hongkong Steamboats	21 s	19 b 19 1/2 s	19 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	2 1/4 n	1 1/4 s.
Indo-China (Pref)	30 s	30 n	30 n.
do. (Def.)	40 b	40 n.	40 s.
Shell Transports	99 6 b	2 1/2 b	100/- n.
Star Ferries	54 b	54 1/2 b	54 n.
Water-boats	14 n	13 1/4 b	14 s
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	18 s	18 1/2 s
Malabon Sugars	31 s & d	30 n	31 1/2 n
Mining.			
Benguet	1.35 n	—	
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	42 1/2 n.	40/- n
Langkats (Combined)	\$22 1/4 b	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 b
do. (Single)	11 n	11 b.	
Shanghai Exploration	14 n	4 b.	
Shanghai Loan	77 n	6 b	
Rauba	4 s	3.40 n.	3 1/2 n.
Tronoh Mines	21/- b	—	
Ural Caspian	8/- n	21/- b	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	102 s	100 b 101 s	100 n
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n	37 b 39 s	40 n
Hongkew	150 b		150 b
New Engineering	15 1/2 b	5 1/2 b	5 1/2 b
Shanghai Docks	1102 b	102 b 101 s	102 s
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7 65 s 7 1/4 a	7 b 7 1/4 s	7 1/4 s
Hongkong Lands	54 n	53 b 53 1/2 sa	54 s
Hongkong Realty	5.55 b	6 b	5 1/2 b
H.K. Territorial	24 s	1 1/2 s	2 s
Humphreys Estates	124 b	12 1/2 b	13 n
Prince's Building	89 n	37 s.	
Rural Lands	1 1/2 s	—	
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	\$8 1/2 b	8 1/2 b	8 1/2 b
Oriental	12 1/2 n	2 1/2 b	2 1/2 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	154 b	54 b	54 n.
do. (new)	127 b	27 b	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	7 n	7 b	7 b
do. (old)	6 n	6 b	6 b
do. (new)	1 1/2 s	1 b	1 b
China Buses	9 3/4 n	—	1 —
China Lights (comb.)	14 n	14 b	14 b
do. (old)	11 n	10 1/2 b	10 b
do. (new)	6 b	7 b	7 b
China Prov.	3.95 b	3.60 b & sa	7 s
Dairy Farms	6 b	16 1/4 b	4 s
Der A. Wing	6 s	5 s	17 s
Hongkong Amusements.	17.60 sa	18 1/4 n	18 1/2 n
H.K. Constructions	2.30 n	2.30 b	2.40 n
Hongkong Electrics	55 s	54 n	53 s
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	6 s	7 s
do. (new)	5 s	—	2 1/2 s
Hongkong Tramways	20 60 b	20.60 b 20.60	20 s
Lane, Crawford	7 b	7 1/2 b 1 sa	7 b
Macao Electric	35 n		
Macintosh.	10 1/2 n		
Nanyang Tobacco		9.80 b	
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	8 1/2 b	8 n	8 n
Singapore	8 1/2 b	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	11/- s	9 1/2 b	10/- n
Taxis	1 s	70 c b	65 Cts n
United Asbestos	—	—	—
(Founders)	—	8.30 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	13 1/2 n	12 1/2 n	12 n
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
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RADIO TOPICS

TELEVISION.

MACHINE FOR THIRTY POUNDS.

The new year has begun with a new marvel, the television, "a machine for seeing by electricity," a telephone for the eye—as Mr. John L. Baird, the young Scotman, who has invented it, explained in an interview with a representative of the "London Observer."

"How long," he was asked, "will it be before it can be brought into the home?"

"We are arranging," he said, "to put a simple television machine on the market within the next twelve months. It will cost £30; and those who have it will be able to 'look-in' and see by wireless persons speaking at the broadcasting station and to watch their movements. We have been experimenting for some time between Motograph House, in Upper St. Martin's-lane, and our research station at Harrow, and scenes are now being broadcast regularly. With the application of greater power distance will be no barrier."

"So that soon we may hope to be seeing across the Atlantic?"

"At present, I am afraid I am not at liberty to say anything about that possibility; but I may say that there is no scientific reason whatever why it should not be done."

The time is also approaching, Mr. Baird says, when television theatres will be built. They will contain a

"Quite suddenly," he said, "after many months of continuous research, the final difficulties were overcome, and I had the very great pleasure of seeing upon the screen of the receiver a living image with light and shade and detail—true television at last."

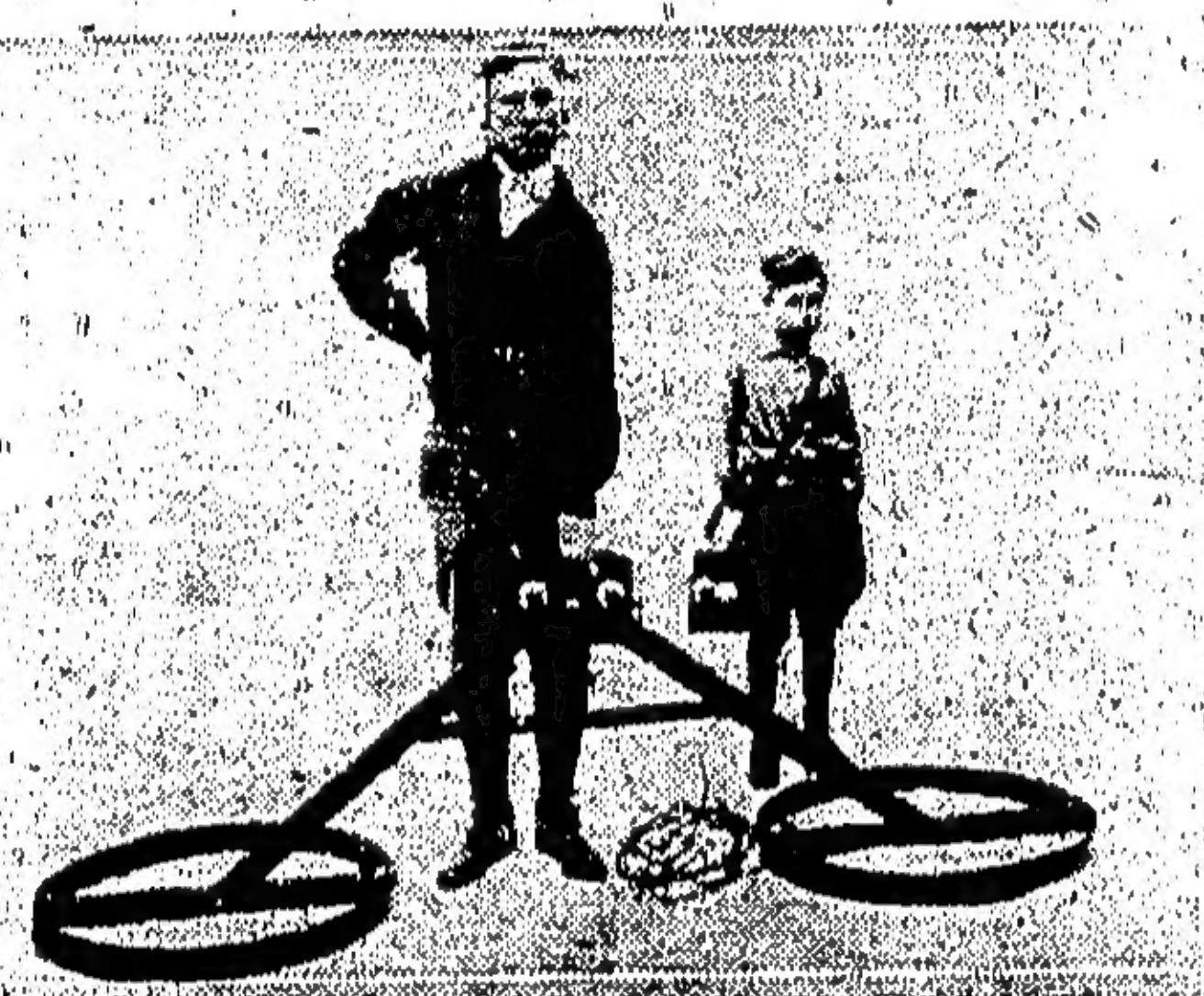
A demonstration of this result was given last January before members of the Royal Institution. At that time, however, the transmitting screen in a blaze of such intense light as to cause considerable discomfort to the eyes and it was recognised that before the apparatus could be brought into the sphere of commerce it would be necessary to reduce this lighting to normal. In a few months Mr. Baird had accomplished what was necessary and had reduced the lighting to normal studio brilliancy.

The Invisible Ray.

It was while he was concentrating on this effort that the idea occurred to him to use rays outside the visible spectrum. He experimented at first with ultra-violet rays, but they, too, while possessing an exceedingly powerful photo-electric effect, were very bad for the eyes. It then occurred to him to try the infra-red rays.

"This idea," he said, "was, I think, impressed upon me by noticing one day from the roof of my laboratory in Upper St. Martin's-lane the well-known phenomenon of the rays of the setting sun turning red, which is due to the fact that all rays except the

RADIO MACHINE LOCATES PRECIOUS METALS.



The use of a radio machine, recently invented which indicated the presence of non-magnetic metals is responsible for the finding of the hiding place of the treasures seized by Jean Lafitte, Barataria buccaner, at the base of an oak tree near the beach of the Gulf of Mexico. The find, said to be worth thousands of dollars, was contained in a wooden keg. The machine is passed over the ground until the spot is found where the loudest sound waves are emitted, thus indicating the presence of the metal. The machine can penetrate to a depth of nine feet beneath the surface of the earth according to the inventor.

screen, but neither orchestra nor film. Each will be linked by wire to a central broadcasting station, where artists and orchestra will be engaged. "Simultaneously at various centres audiences will see the piece performed and hear the players and the music."

The Romance of Television.

Mr. Baird's invention, is largely due to what must have seemed to be at the time a piece of downright bad luck. He was in business as an electrical engineer, when he had a very serious breakdown in health and had to give up his business and go to live at the seaside. With any amount of spare time there he went back to what, as a boy at school and at Glasgow University, had been his old enthusiasm—television.

Once more he started experiments. "This time," he said, "they went more easily than when I first began them. I had unlimited time at my disposal and the experience gained in many years of research work."

The First Shadow.

From one end to the other of a little room above a florist's shop at Hastings, which he used as a laboratory, he transmitted shadows, the first being the shadow of a cross. "It was only a short step towards television," he said "but it was an important step, and a very encouraging one."

From shadows an advance was made in six months to the transmission by the light reflected from them of the images of actual objects. The most difficult step of all was that from simple outlines to images with detail and shading.

red rays are absorbed by the atmosphere. The dissipating effect of light is very much greater with the violet rays and the rays at the upper end of the spectrum, and it occurred to me that the infra-red rays could be turned to advantage in television.

Uses in Warfare.

"These infra-red rays are of course, well known to scientists, and their properties have been investigated, but their application to television produced the somewhat startling result that it is possible by means of the immensely sensitive electric eye of the television to see an object in what appears to the human eye to be pitch blackness."

"I was very pleased to have the opportunity of giving another demonstration before members of the Royal Institution a few days ago and showing them that television can be produced not only with normal lighting, but also in total darkness."

"What advantage has total darkness?" Mr. Baird was asked.

"For normal television," he said, "ordinary lighting is more effective; but the use of the infra-red rays will, I think, prove extremely useful in warfare for picking out not merely at one spot, but over wide distances, the movements of troops, ships, and aircraft."

"Has anyone else the secret?"

"No one so far has demonstrated television either with or without light."

"And would the enemy have no way of getting out of the invisible ray, and overcoming it?"

"There is no way at present, but somebody will probably invent one."

RUGBY TO NEW YORK

ATMOSPHERICS PREVENT CONTINUOUS SERVICE.

Wireless telephony between London and New York has been accomplished at a cost exceeding \$1,000,000.

There is yet much to be overcome before the system becomes perfect for working the round of the clock, but engineers are confident that atmospheric wireless, so bothersome at present, will be beaten.

Telephony by wireless was accomplished a quarter of a century ago, but it was then in such a form as to be impracticable for ordinary commercial usage. I had to wait the advent of the thermionic valve, the invention which has revolutionised the arts and practices of communication.

Most people are familiar nowadays with the advantages of valves in a broadcasting receiver in amplifying and making louder the music or speech received from the ear. It is just in this function of magnification that the valve has assisted the development of wireless telephony. Commencing with quite a small size, such as is used in the broadcasting receiver of to-day, the valve has been increased in power year by year until to-day we have the large power valve transmitters of 200 kilowatts capacity which are in service for the telephony between London and New York.

With ordinary line telephony the circuit conditions are constant, and the line characteristics are known to a high degree of accuracy, so that a long distance connection can be engineered with certainty. With a wireless link in the system, however, it was known that "fading" and "atmospherics" were two very troublesome factors, and the first efforts were directed to carrying out experiments in order to determine the grade of the wireless conditions at different times of the day and at different seasons of the year. These systematic observations have now been continued for over three years, and the conditions which have to be met are known. Side by side with this observation work has proceeded the installation of the 200 kilowatt telephony transmitter at the Post Office Station at Rugby.

Although the fight against atmospheric has progressed rapidly, they are not completely overcome, and it is to be expected that there will be occasions when the circuit will be unworkable. Further, the phenomenon of fading occurs shortly after the time of sunset each day. This phenomenon is associated with the passing of daylight into darkness, and is not within powers of control, but it is frequently sufficiently serious to put the circuit out of commission until the fading is over.

When it is remembered that the cost of the Rugby station was about half a million pounds, that a similar station is in use in America, and that in both countries separate receiving station and long and expensive trunk lines are required before a conversation can take place, it will be understood that the charge for such a conversation must be high. It has been fixed at the outset at £15 for a three-minute call with 25 for each additional minute.

WIRELESS MONEY.

£981,674 Paid for Licences.

There were approximately two million licensed wireless listeners on March 31 last, according to the Post Office accounts, just issued, for the year ending this date, £981,674 was received from the sale of the 10s. licences.

This figure is subject to adjustment in respect of outstanding fees and other items, and £794,905 is the amount given as the sum received. Of this £500,000 went to the British Broadcasting Company, as against £472,003 in the previous year.

The service provided a surplus—or profit, as it would be described in a profit-and-loss instead of a revenue account—of £187,383, compared with £54,346.

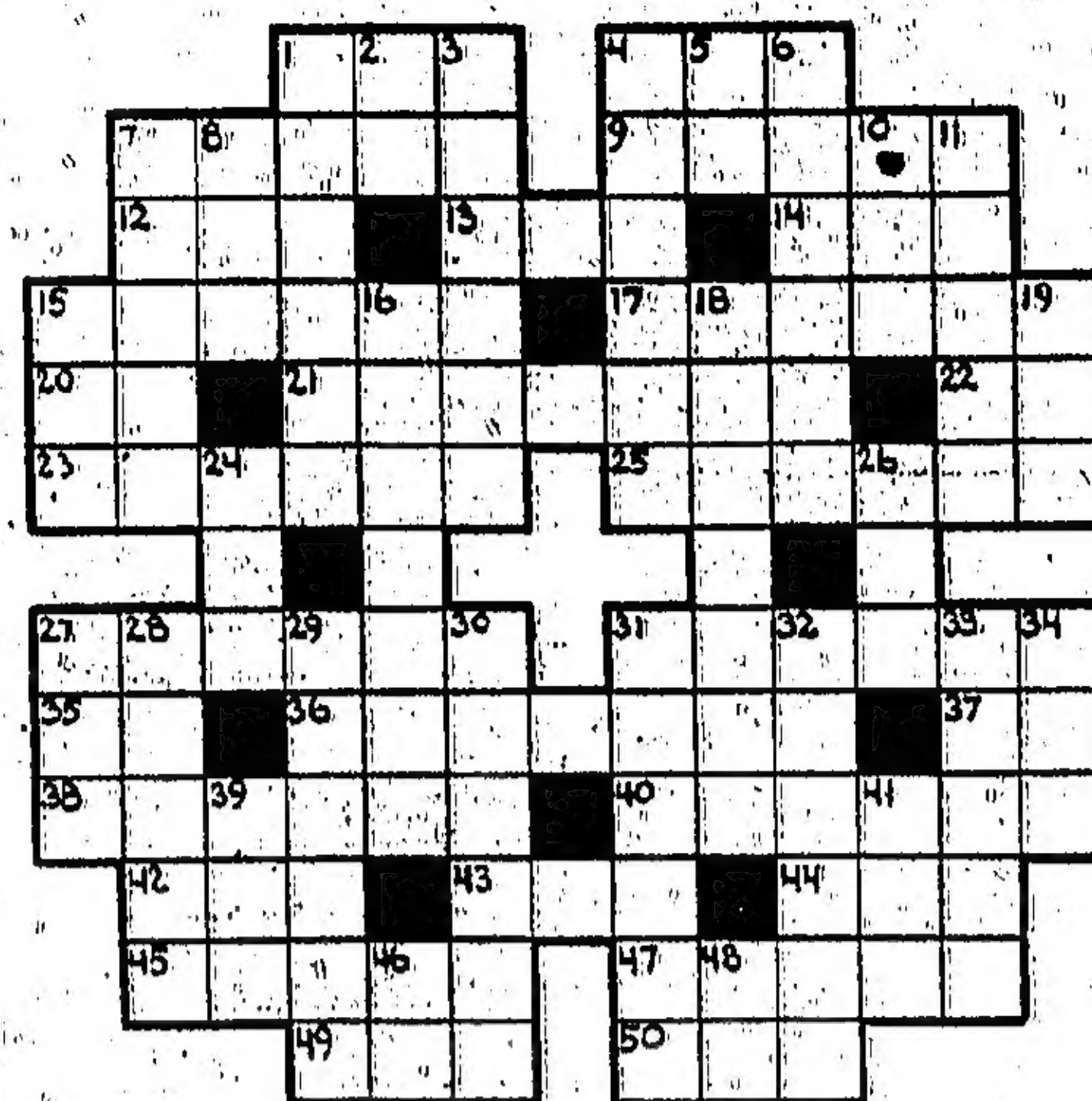
£21,000,000 Loss.

A heavy loss is again shown on the working of the telegraphs, the service which, as "The Daily Mail" has frequently pointed out, has to carry at a loss Press telegrams for newspapers and agencies that could afford to pay adequate rates.

Whereas the postal section showed a surplus of £7,116,286 (an increase of £804,153) and the telephone service a surplus of £550,330 (an increase of £87,824), the tele-

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1-Prefixed Wrong

4-Nib

7-Farewell

9-To make corrections

12-Public vehicle

13-To cut off

14-A silver, N. E.

15-A month

17-The most competent

20-A province of

21-The shoulder-blade

22-Two books of Bible

(abbr.)

23-To behave

25-The most crippled

27-A ten-year period

31-To overpower

32-Prefixed. To

36-Courteous

37-Personal pronoun

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

38-To view

40-Regular

42-Me (French)

43-Esquire (abbr.)

44-No (Scott.)

46-Girl's name

47-Benefit

48-To destroy the contents of

50-Greek goddess of the dawn

VERTICAL

1-To use wrongly

2-"That is"

(Latin-abbrev.)

3-A Mohammedan sovereign

4-A kingdom bet. Tibet and India

5-Them (colloq.)

6-Incoherent uproar

7-To revile

VERTICAL (Cont.)

8-Excavated

10-Born (French)

11-Piece of household furniture (pl.)

15-Conjunction

16-Blender

18-Noise; blustering

19-A small bird

24-Prefixed. Son (Scott.)

25-To consume

27-Pat.

28-Croaky

29-In motion

30-Oldest

31-A cover or disguise

32-Bears; tolerates

33-A Mohammedan prince

34-A color

39-A farm animal

41-To (Scott.)

45-Prefixed. Good

46-Not any; none

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

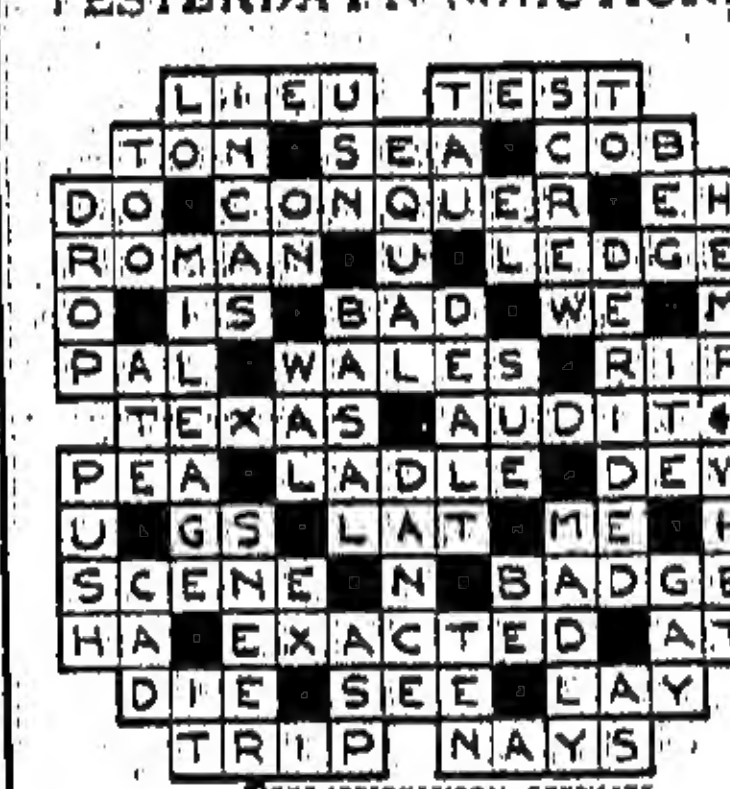
graphs show a deficit of £1,299,214. The telegraph service during the last 14 years has lost more than £21,000,000. The total surplus of the Post Office is £5,607,882 an increase of £2,238,288.

LISTENERS.

The numbers of listeners on December 1 last, states "World Radio," in various European countries, were as follows:—

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Captain R. E. Sassoon's
Jammagar won the Harrington
Hurdle at Nottingham race meet-
ing.Balliol, with a total of 41
points, led in the first round for
the Oxford inter-Collegiate
Athletic Cup. Oriol, with 27½,
took second place.Sir James Roll, Bt., who was
Lord Mayor of London for the
year 1920-21, has died at his
home at Cambridge Park, Wan-
stead, at the age of 80.Out of 7,433 calls received by
the London Fire Brigade last
year, 1,786 were false alarms and
723 were malicious calls. Al-
together there were 4,132 out-
breaks of fire.One of the most prominent
sportsmen in Essex is stated to
have agreed to buy the county
cricket ground at Leyton and
secure it for all time for county
cricket.By an overwhelming majority
the members of the London Co-
operative Society Ltd. rejected a
proposal to make a grant of
£22,000 from the current half-
year's profit to the Miners' Wives
and Children Distress Fund.The Court of Criminal Appeal
quashed the conviction of Robert
Hughes, first Lord Mayor of
Cardiff, who had been convicted
of false pretences and larceny
and had been sentenced to three-
years' penal servitude.Mr. Edward Clark, chairman and
managing director of Messrs. R. and
R. Clark, printers, of Edinburgh,
who left £411,679, directed, after
providing for certain legacies, that
the residue of his estate should be
distributed among charitable bodies
in Edinburgh and London.An official denial of the exist-
ence of a joint Coalition fund has
been issued from the Conserva-
tive and Unionist headquarters.
During the whole of the Coalition
period, it is stated, the finances
of the Conservative party were as
separate as before from the funds
of the Liberal wing of the Coal-
ition.For the loss of one wicket, the
M.C.C. team scored 213 in reply
to a Ceylonese XI's total of 165.Lord Brownlow, who has
undergone a third operation for
cellulitis, is doing as well as can
be expected.Mr. E. Brunetti has presented
to the Natural History Museum,
South Kensington, a collection of
some 60,000 specimens of two-
winged flies, especially rich in
Indian and North American
material.A campaign has been opened by
the National Chamber of Trade to
secure the taxation of co-operative
societies' profits for the forthcoming
Budget. A recommendation has
been made by the Chamber that
each of the 800 affiliated bodies
should communicate with the Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

Scratching and Microbes.

Experiments recently carried out
at the Pasteur Institute by the bac-
teriologist, M. Metalkoff, says a
Paris correspondent, seem to sug-
gest that when a dog is scolded by
his master for scratching himself
he is a victim of injustice—that in
spite of modern codes of manners,
he is right, and his master wrong.
In certain circumstances, scratch-
ing is a sovereign defence against
microbes. M. Metalkoff began
his researches by asking whether
the study of conditional reflexes,
such as the instinctive withdrawal
of a hand when it is approached by
a needle, or a flow of saliva at the
sight of a tempting dish, might not
have a parallel in connection with
microbial diseases. He experimented
on fourteen guinea-pigs, which
for fourteen days were given gradu-
ated doses of microbial cultures.
It was noticed that these doses
were always followed by scratching
of the affected part. At the end of
a fortnight it was proved that the
inoculated animals were immune
from the diseases for which they
had been treated, but this immunity
only lasted for a few weeks after
the inoculations had been stopped.
When he was certain that the im-
munity had completely disappear-
ed, M. Metalkoff continued his
experiment by simply scratching the
affected part of the body, but with-
out renewing the inoculations, and
he was astonished to find that as a
result of this treatment the immu-
nity reappeared. The animals which
had been scratched absorbed with-
out harm deadly doses of such mi-
crobes as those of cholera, while
others were easily infected and
died. So perhaps the ill-mannered
dog is simply practicing a hygiene
which his instinct taught him, be-
fore scientists were able to dis-
cover it.—"Daily Telegraph."

Evils of Ordinary Glasses.

At a recent meeting of scientists
in America, an eminent physician
declared that our ordinary glass
windows were one of the greatest
evils that we suffered from, as they
gave the illusion of light and
warmth, and prevented the occu-
pants of a house from venturing
outside where cold winds and
damp rendered these blessings less
obvious when there did happen to
be any sunshine. This startling
point of view (says "Industrial
Welfare," the organ of the Indus-
trial Welfare Society) has since re-
ceived corroboration from one of the
most eminent of our own Medical
Research Council. Whatever light
passes through a window of ordi-
nary window glass, it is entirely
robbed of the beneficial ultra-violet
rays, and apart from the sensation of
warmth, can have no effect on
bodily efficiency and well-being.
Recently, however, at the Smith-wick Borough Council Schools, and
in several hospitals, a new form of
glass called Vitaglass has been in-
stalled, and the installation has
led to remarkable results. Vita-
glass is the invention of a Birming-
ham scientist, Mr. F. E. Lamp-
ough, M.A., and possessed this pro-
perty of transparency to the curative
ultra-violet rays of natural light.
Up till quite recently it had been
found that quartz or fused silica
were the only known substances
that possessed this property of
transparency, and their high cost
had rendered the possibility of their
application to windows quite pro-
hibitive. The cost of Vitaglass is,
however, very little more than or-
dinary window glass, and so the
question of its installation in fac-
tories and industrial centres be-
came of considerable interest.—
"Morning Post."

Advertising.

The complaint that advertising
encourages the purchase of
articles which are not neces-
sary to family life stands
or falls according to one's
understanding of what is
necessary. Usually, on being
pressed, the critics mean things
that are new—things that had no
place in the homes of twenty or
thirty years ago. There were no
gramophones then. Advertising
has since helped the sale of mil-
lions of them. They are not
necessary, but who shall say they
have not contributed greatly to
the intellectual pleasure and in-
nocent amusement of the people?
Then there are dining-tables that
are also billiard-tables. Not
necessary, of course; but many a
father and mother have blessed
their purchase, because they tend
to keep sons at home at night.
No one has benefited quite so
much from advertising as the
busy housewife and mother an-
xious to do the best she can for
her children. It has given her—
and continues to give her—count-
less hints of practical value, has
helped her to solve many of her
domestic problems, and has con-
tributed to the beauty and com-
fort of her home and the well-
being of her family. Instead of
having done too much in the way
of promoting the sale of things
representative of new ideas, ad-
vertising has not yet done nearly
enough. The standard of living
of most of our people, including
the middle classes, is not so high
as it ought to be—not so high as
the standard prevailing in
Canada, Australia, South Africa,
New Zealand, and the UnitedIn the opinion of the Wireless
Organisations' Advisory Com-
mittee an alternative programme
scheme is the only means of en-
suring a broadcasting service that
will commend itself to all listen-
ers. Reports embodying the
wishes of listeners are to be pre-
pared by the various societies.Good progress is being made by
the new miners' unions in Dur-
ham and Northumberland, Notts
and Derbyshire, and South Wales.
So widespread is the loss of con-
fidence in the Miners' Federation
that other and older unions, open
to workers of any occupation,
are enrolling miners as members.After being invested by King
Neptune with the Order of the
Old Seadog when his Majesty's
ship "Renown" crossed the line,
the Duke of York was duly
initiated, with 1,000 novices, by
being lathered, shaved, and ducked
in a bath. Queen Amphitrite
presented the Duchess of York
with the Order of the Golden
Mermale in the form of a little
copper sea nymph.Although no imported fruits
ever equalled our strawberries,
gooseberries, or cherries, this
asset too often became discounted
by inferior methods of marketing.
Mr. H. V. Taylor (Deputy Con-
troller of Horticulture, Ministry
of Labour) stated in an address
to the Farmers' Club. To meet
the increased competition which
was expected in the future, the
British industry would have to
commercialise its grading and
packing.Sir William Nott-Bower, who
was entertained at dinner by the
Authors' Club, suggested that all
small borough police forces
should be absorbed in their
county forces, there being too
many forces which were too small
for training constables properly
and too small for efficient admin-
istration and police work. A
very great improvement in the
appointment of officers to high
posts would be effected, he be-
lieved, by the adoption of a system
of open competitive examinations,
followed by careful professional
training and progressive experi-
ence.States. Many things now re-
garded as necessities in those
countries are still in the nature
of novelties here at home. That
is a condition that advertising is
doing much to improve.—Charles
Holt Sturup in "Chambers's
Journal."

Girls—Then.

A little while ago I was, in
common with other people, asked
by a daily paper what sentences
had influenced me. After some
hesitation I replied that the fol-
lowing sentence, taken from a
very early Victorian novel, had
made a mark upon my
imagination: "She had passed
her first youth; she
was twenty-two." What a vista
this opens on our world less than
a hundred years ago! a world in
which lived a number of men and
women who are with us
to-day... and it is no exaggera-
tion, for in those days a girl of
good position came out at sixteen,
certainly not later than seven-
teen; when she reached eighteen
it was thought high time that she
should be married, and as she
approached twenty her parents
began to worry. Charlotte might
stay on the shelf, that is to say
soon she would interest no one.
The peculiar side of it is that if
she did marry she would interest
no one either. She remained
interesting only so long as she
was a young girl. Indeed, the
position of the married woman
was a dull one. I do not mean
that in early Victorian days wives
were not loved, or that they failed
to rule their husbands, for
women have done that since the
age of stone, and will do so ten
thousand years from now. What
I mean is that the married woman
not only lost all her charm, ex-
cept in the eyes of her lord, but
she accepted the situation. She
was respected, she was loved, she
might have a large social circle
and be an important figure in
politics; but she was no longer
personally interesting as a
woman. She was resigned to
this. I have among my acquaint-
ances an old lady of over eighty,
who married at seventeen, had
five children before she was
twenty-five and then put on a
cap, that symbolic cap, which
meant that she retired from the
feminine field. I may add that
at the age of seventy-eight she
has had herself skinked. Indeed
that means something—W. L.
George in "Eve."THE
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INWARD MAILS.

From	TUESDAY, MARCH	Per
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	15	Pres. Cleveland.
Shanghai	16	Nyanza.
Saigon	17	General Metzinger.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, & Shanghai	18	Empress of Canada.
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Australia & Manila	19	Aki Maru.
Straits	19	Calchas.
Europe via Suez (letters & parcels London 17th Feb. & parcels 10th Feb.)	20	Devanha.
Straits	20	Fooksang.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	21	Pres. Madison.
Straits	21	Atsuta Maru.
Japan	22	Tango Maru.
Japan & Shanghai	25	Haruna Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	TUESDAY, MARCH	Per	Time
Saigon	15	Yuan Jeng	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	16	Khyber	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui & Wuchow	16	Chung On	4 p.m.
Amoy	16	Seochow	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	16	Hanoi	9.30 a.m.
Manila & parcels for Germany via Hamburg	16	Trior	9.30 p.m.
Amoy	16	Kum Sang	10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Manila	16	Pres. Cleveland	1.30 p.m.
*E. & S. Africa	16	Nyanza	3.30 p.m.
U.S.A., C. & S. America *Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco 10th April. Parcels 1 p.m. Registration 3.45 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m.	16	West Caloror.	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	16	Talkwa Maru	5 p.m.
Saigon	16	Klukiang	5 p.m.
Shanghai	16	Chusan	5 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	16	Amur Maru	5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	17	Monado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Straits	17	Creimer	2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	17	General Metzinger	2.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday 28th March. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (18th) 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	17	Taiping	10.30 a.m.
Straits, Lourenco, Margus & South Africa	18	Canada Maru	10.30 a.m.

A DEBTOR BUILDER.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST.

TO-DAY'S BANKRUPTCY.

A warrant was issued this morning, in the course of hearing of a Bankruptcy Court case, for the arrest of the principal partner in the Cheuk Wah firm (Cheung Cheuk-wah).

The Official Receiver, Mr. E. L. Agassiz, said that very considerable allegations were made against the man.

Detailing the events which led up to the application for the warrant, the Official Receiver said that the first meeting of creditors of the firm was to have been held on December 9. The day before the meeting, the debtor came to witness and produced a medical certificate signed by a European doctor stating that he was not fit to attend.

On December 13 the debtor again came to the Official Receiver and produced a telegram purporting to come from Canton, stating that the debtor's uncle was dead and he was to come to Canton immediately to see to his estate. As the debtor could have gone to Canton without asking, the Official Receiver had no option but to concur and the debtor left his address behind.

When the Official Receiver went into the accounts he found them in an extraordinary way, no dates being given when the debts were contracted or what they were for. So the Official Receiver wrote to the debtor in a registered envelope asking him to come and give a correct account of the state of affairs. This was not replied to, neither was another registered letter directing the debtor to attend the public examination.

Debtor evidently had received the letter, said the Official Receiver, as he had written to another partner asking him to represent him at the public examination. But this man, Pang Lok-chin, knew practically nothing of the business. He was the smallest of all the partners and had no money.

On this man being called and having deposed to the letter in question, His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) ordered a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Cheung Cheuk-wah.

The Official Receiver indicated that he would proceed with examining Pang Lok-chin as far as he could.

\$82,000 Debts.

In reply to questions witness said that the firm was one of building contractors and they also dealt largely in property shares. Witness had had only \$500 shares in it. Cheung Cheuk-wah had put \$3,500 into the firm and four other partners had also put considerable sums of money into it. All the partners with the exception of himself had left the Colony and could not be traced.

Asked if Cheung Cheuk-wah was a rich man, witness said that he believed he was. He was interested largely in property dealings. The total debts of the firm were \$82,000 (including some personal debts of Cheung Cheuk-wah) and the only assets were in connection with payment for the extension of workshops contract carried out for the Kowloon-Canton railway. This had been paid in after the Bankruptcy.

Witness was questioned as to his personal expenditure and income as a schoolmaster and also (by Mr. C. A. S. Russ and Mr. d'Arcy, for creditors) as to other businesses in which it was alleged that Cheung Cheuk-wah was interested.

The examination was then adjourned, witness being warned that he might be required to attend again.

DID THE SMACK DO IT?

Mr. Lindell this morning fined two Chinese \$1 each for fighting in Wanchai and bound them over in the sum of \$50 each to be of good behaviour for six months. The bonds were duly signed but the prisoners did not have money to pay the fine and they were brought back to Court.

Here one of the men made straight for the dock and an Indian constable pulled him back rather roughly.

This drew a burst of indignation from the Magistrate.

"What are you doing there," he called out angrily.

Constable: Those men are prisoners.

Magistrate: What are you bringing them here for?—They cannot pay their fines.

You have no right to smack him on the back like that. Behave yourselves.

Having ascertained that the men had signed the bonds His Worship committed their fines.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

COOLIE FATALLY INJURED IN KOWLOON.

Quite a crop of motor accidents occurred in the Colony yesterday. A tramcar collided with a taxi in Des Voeux Road Central smashing the rear mud guards. The taxi swerved to avoid a ricksha coming out of the lane next to Powell's shop and got in the way of the oncoming tram.

While turning up Garden Road a motor car ran into a Chinese school-boy who received injuries which had to be treated in hospital.

Another Chinese boy received injuries to the head when he was knocked down by a motor car in Connaught Road near the Western Market.

A motor truck skidded near the Wanchai Gap School and collided with a gas lamp standard which was broken. The car was also badly damaged.

While Mr. Dodson was driving his car near the Naval Yard in Canton Road, Kowloon, his car struck a coolie who was fatally injured and died soon after admission to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Carrying two buckets of water down Pedder Street a Chinese slipped and fell. A motor car which was just turning the junction of Des Voeux Road Central ran into the man. He was taken to the hospital badly injured.

FORGED NOTE CHARGE.

The Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of a forged \$10 note of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and attempting to pass it at a Gage Street stall was again before Major Willson this morning, when a further charge of possession of another forged note and passing it at the same stall on the night of the 7th inst. was preferred.

Accused, who was represented by Mr. F. E. Nash, pleaded not guilty. The stallholder said accused passed one bad note at his stall on the night of March 7 and received change for it. On the night of the 11th he came again and tried to pass another bad note, and recognising the accused witness gave him in charge.

After cross-examination by Mr. Nash in which witness said he had no doubt accused was the man who passed the first note at his stall, the case was remanded until to-morrow morning.

OBITUARY.

C.P.O. A. A. STEPHENS OF H.M.S. "CARLSLE"

From Shanghai intimation has been received of the death there of C.P.O. Archibald Alexander Stephens, of H.M.S. "Carlsle" after an illness of nine days. The cause of death was pneumonia.

Mr. Stephens had made many friends in Hong Kong whilst the "Carlsle" was stationed here and was well-known at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. He was also a member of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society.

Deceased (who was 24 years of age) leaves a mother at his home in Kent.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the weather forecast for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel is—fresh N.E. winds, overcast at first, finer later.

From 2 p.m. yesterday till 6 a.m. to-day, the temperature dropped 7 degrees and the humidity fell 24 points. Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer 30.08; temperature 54; humidity 70; wind N., force 1; weather overcast.

At 11.20 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has increased considerably over S. China, moderately over E. China and slightly from Formosa to Luzon. The anticyclone has spread southward. The Indo-China depression has filled up. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.63 inch. Total since January 1—5.55 inches, against an average of 4.24 inches.

The Naval Authorities report the theft of 120 feet of chain cable worth \$150 from Tsing-I Island. The cable was used to suspend some targets.

After a quarrel with her husband, a Chinese woman is alleged to have attempted suicide by swallowing some opium. She is now in hospital in a critical condition.

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